



## Kingston Scouts Canoe Club - Generic Paddlesport Risk assessments (Ravens Ait)

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**Description of Assessment:** Site Risks

<b>Location Details:</b>	Ravens Ait Island (Sealion Water HQ)
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What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing to control the risks?	What further action do you need to take to control the risks?	Who needs to carry out the action?	When is the action needed by?	Done
Drowning	Paddlers, Parents, Coaches and Others	Wearing of buoyancy aid Instruction on capsizing procedures Relevant supervision for novices Advised to keep away from the river bank	Buoyancy aids tested annually Induction sessions for beginners and new members Supervisors to ensure buoyancy aid correctly fitted Regular checks on equipment during the season	Leaders/Coaches	Continual	
Hypothermia	Paddlers, Parent,s Coaches and Others	Advised on the correct clothing to wear Adjustment to clothing as required	Continuous dynamic risk assessment	Leaders/Coaches	Continual	
Slips, Trips and Falls	Paddlers, Parents, Coaches and Others	Regular maintenance of landing stages, river bank, steps and club house floors	Appropriate cleaning/maintenance equipment available	<b>ALL</b>	Continual	

Sprains, Strains and soft tissue injuries	Paddlers, Parents, Coaches and Others	Trained to lift correctly Ask for help Encouraged to paddle correctly	Ongoing training and regular checks of procedures Appropriate checks on storage facilities	<b>ALL</b>	Continual	
Pollution and water quality (inc. Leptospirosis)	Paddlers, Coaches and Others On the water	Advised to bathe/shower soon after immersion Made aware of flotsam	Risks higher in spate conditions Avoid intentional capsizes in poor conditions	<b>ALL</b>	Continual	
<b>Annotation to</b> - Pollution and water quality ( <i>in response to recent news articles highlighting the long existence of ecoli</i> )	Paddlers, Coaches and Others On the water	Avoid water contact, particularly around the face/mouth; Cover all cuts with waterproof dressing and wear gloves; If contact is made, wash area thoroughly with clean water before eating, drinking or smoking and prior to leaving the site; Use anti-bacterial gel after practical tasks; Seek medical attention if symptoms occur	Unnecessary swimming is NOT to be encouraged. More recent publications have shown water particularly poor.	<b>ALL</b>	Continual	
Other river users	Paddlers, Coaches and Others On the water	Paddlers instructed to be aware of other river users and how to take appropriate/avoiding action	Informed as to possible other river users and location	<b>ALL</b>	Continual	
Weirs and man-made features	Paddlers, Coaches and Others On the water	Helmets to be worn when paddling in associated rough water	Appropriate skill and awareness training	Leaders/Coaches	Continual	

Over hanging tree or strainers	Paddlers, Coaches and Others On the water	Paddlers advised to negotiate around trees, both overhanging and floating Advised as to correct action in event of entanglement Appropriate tree management on site	Regular checks as part of on-site maintenance Appropriate training for off-site visits	Leaders/Coaches	Continual	
Injury from traffic	ALL	Low likelihood Island area has no public access		Leaders/Coaches	Continual	
Injury from manual handling	Paddlers, Parents, Coaches and Others	There is minimal heavy lifting or difficult equipment for participants to move	Care to be taken with larger craft such as Open Canoes (multiple people to lift off racks)	Leaders/Coaches	Continual	
Property and Facilities	ALL			Leaders/Coaches	Continual	
Weather and environmental conditions	ALL			Leaders/Coaches	Continual	