



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

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Description of Assessment: Site Risks

Location Details:	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	Coaches/Instructors/Leaders	Annual testing +continual checks at start of each session and monitor during	
Hypothermia	Paddlers, Parent,s Coaches and Others	Advised on the correct clothing to wear Adjustment to clothing as required	Continuous dynamic risk assessment	Parental input by advise available on website and direct. Coaches/Instructors/Leaders	Checks before session	
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	Coaches/Instructors/Leaders advising and assiting maintenance team	Inspected at beginning of session	
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	Coaches/Instructors/Leaders	Continual but most relevant at start or end of paddling	

Pollution and water quality	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	Coaches/Instructors/Leaders including monitoring of river conditions	Part of prior info and briefing. participants reminded if they have been IN the water.
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	Coaches/Instructors/Leaders	integrated with session as a continual awareness needed.
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	Lead coach for activity to make decision on when appropriate to use helmets.	when required
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	Coaches/Instructors/Leaders	bushes on site trimmed annually. Continual education of young people whilst on the river
Injury from traffic	Competitors/ Officials/Public	Low Volume of traffic Limited number of official vehicles Speed limits in operation Island area has no public access		Parents/Leaders at ferry point to monitor where young people are going - NOTE; roadside is not in the ferry point area.	
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)	Coaches/Instructors/Leaders	
Property and Facilities					
Weather and environmental conditions					