



IBSTOCK CANOE CLUB GENERIC RISK ASSESSMENT



Hazards (what might go wrong)	Who might be harmed	Existing control measures	Write 'Yes' if in place, 'No' if not	If 'No' state the action to be taken with timescales or indicate any additional control measures, or other comments	Residual risk rating (High, medium, low)
Poor decision making and leadership	Group	In addition to evidence of recent and relevant experience, the leader must hold the appropriate BCU qualification for the activity proposed.	Yes		Low
Avoidable objective dangers / unsuitable location	Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location has been assessed by club instructor. • Ability / experience of group taken into account. • Weather and water conditions constantly monitored and activity adjusted accordingly. • Manual handling, correct methods to be used. 	Yes		Low
Water environment (drowning)	Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The leader holds the appropriate BCU qualification for the water and conditions prevailing. • Leader follows BCU code of practice. • Young people supervised in BCU recommended ratios by qualified staff. • The leader holds current first aid and resuscitation awards. • Personal buoyancy meets BCU recommendations and leaders check buoyancy always worn correctly. • All boats have suitable buoyancy. • Equipment as recommended by BCU is carried and used by appropriately trained club members. • Ensure that you know the swimming ability of the club members. 	Yes		Low
Equipment failure	Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All equipment is checked before use; an equipment log is maintained and an annual maintenance program is undertaken. 	Yes		Low



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Head injury (impact to head)	Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helmets used if conditions dictate. • Dangers of wielding paddles in confined spaces to be added to briefing sessions 	Yes		Low
Water quality (infection, illness)	Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local advice to be taken re: water quality. • Open cuts & sores to be covered. • Club members to be briefed re: Weils disease and action to take if appropriate. • Wash hands before eating. 	No	Info leaflet to be issued with membership reminder	Medium
Exposure to weather	Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide clear information re: suitable clothing and equipment to club members. 	Yes		Low
Water Hazards	Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lost contact. Clear system of recall to in place within group. Club instructors to ensure group remains together, max group spread and headcount to be included in briefing. • Entrapment / pin. Leader to carry appropriate equipment for environment. • Anglers. Stay away from lines where possible. • Other boats. Stay away from powered craft and stationary river obstacles. • Wildlife. Club members to be warned about the dangers. 	Yes		Low