WAC BB Canoe Club - Risk Assessment

Date Issued		Reviewed By		Review Date	

Identified Hazard	Identified Risk	Whos at Risk	Craft	Risk Rating			Control Measures	Risk Rating			Review /Actions
				L	S	R		L	S	R	
General Sessions	Slips, Trips and Falls	All	All	2	3	6	All participants to be made aware of safe movement in the building, 0n the stairs, around the waters edge and access and egress point. Non-used kayaks and paddles to be stored away from the water's edge. Supervision/instruction by coaches, especially for children. Ensure people advised of dangers Equipment to be inspected regularly.	2	2	4	
	Manual Handling Injuries	All attendees	All	3	3	9	Current members who are experienced in manual handling of kayaks, including emptying. Teach and use correct lifting, emptying and rescue techniques. Lift within personal capacity, assistance given when required. Kayaks to be fitted with airbags. Equipment to be inspected regularly. Special attention when taking out and returning equipment to the storage areas.	2	2	4	
	Drowning	Participants	All	3	3	9	All participants to wear buoyancy aid including whilst on the waters edge All participants must be water confident Coach or supervisors to checks buoyancy aids are in good working order. Coach or supervisors ensures buoyancy aids are worn correctly. Club B/A's to be tested annually & inspected before each session. Helments to be worn on all occasions whilst on the water. Spray decks can be worn by those who have been assessed competend	1	3	3	

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	Capsize with entrapment	Participants	All	2	3	6	Group leader to check equipment (boat and footwear) Coach & supervisor able to rescue an entrapped capsized paddler Before using a spray deck, paddler competence should be assessed to ensure they know how to exit the kayak safely. Coach and supervisors to practice rescues frequently	1	2	2	
	Capsize	Participants	All	2	2	4	Boats fitted with sufficient buoyancy to float when capsized. Coaches & Supervisors trained in emptying boats and rescuing paddlers Coach checks appropriate activities used for group ability. Coach and student practice capsize & rescue drills frequently	1	2	2	
	Impact Injury	Participants	All	2	2	4	Coach or leaders to exercise appropriate group control and segregation of groups. Helmets and buoyancy aids to be worn by all participants. When required, participants should be made aware of the risks of collision when on the water used by us and others. All coaches or leaders to hold current first aid certificate	1	2	2	
	Collisions	Members	All	2	2	4	Group briefed about collision risk with other users. Boat control is taught from beginning Segregation of static activities against dynamic skill practice (playboating) BB Club insurance current (Boys Brigade). River Licences current.	2	1	2	

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	Illness due to poor water quality	Members	All	1	3	3	Group briefed on personal hygiene. Avoid swallowing water. Wash hands thorougly before eating. Shower as soon as possible after exposure. Cover cuts with waterproof dressing. Wear water shoes to prevent cuts. Check local water quality reports before each session.	1	2	2	
	Weather conditions. Hypothermia, Hyperthermia	Members	All	2	3	6	Group is appropriately clothed for the weather. Group is hydrated before/during session and monitored. Sun screen, cags used as needed. Participants do not spend too much time in the water. Coaches to observe for any cold injury symptoms. Group shelter available at centre.	1	2	2	
	Injury to particants	Participants	All	3	3	9	During end of session, appoint bank side supervisor to monitor participants. Coaches to ensure group safely exit the water.	1	1	1	
Stand Up Paddleboarding general sessions	Impact injury falling off board	Participants	SUP	2	3	6	Helmets and buoyancy aids to be worn by all participants. No standing up within 2m of platform edge unless when being used to practice balance and games - close supervision and dynamic RA in place. SUPs segregated from other users during coaching sessions (multi craft led trips encouraged - not coached), either a different area on the river or a different session time.	1	2	2	

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	Injury from board propelled by paddler falling off	Participants	SUP	2	2	4	Coach / Supervisor to exercise appropriate group control and segregation of group. Helmets and buoyancy aids to be worn by all participants. Short leashes / sling to be attached to boards	2	1	2	
	Impact injury from long reach paddle	Participants	SUP	2	2	4	Coach / Supervisor to exercise appropriate group control and segregation of group. Helmets and buoyancy aids to be worn by all participants.	2	1	2	
	Collisions	Participants	SUP	2	3	6	Group briefed about collision risk with other water users. Reduced number of participants in in group segregated abilities. Group leader to highlight the the risks of falling onto other paddlers, (kayak or Canoe). Activities seperated during coached sessions to reduce collision or an impact injury	1	2	2	

						Who is at Risk		Craft		
The Risk Rating		3	6	9	All = Members, Members of the public, Parents			K = Kayak, C = Canoe		
1 = Low - 2 = Medium - 3 = High - This covers both likelyhood and the severity	Likelyhood	2	4	6	Members = Memebers of the Club.			SUP = Standup Paddleboard		
		1	2	3	Low risk	1 - 3				
This risk assessment has used the following methodology to score and assess the level of risks by multiplying the severity of hazard by the probability presenting its self after your control measures have been implemented.		Severity			Medium Risk	4 -6		Sign	S. G. Deans	
					High risk	7 - 9		Date	23/03/2026	

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