# RISK ASSESSMENT

**Activity :** **Kayaking / Paddlesport at Fell Foot Park** **Venue :** **Fell Foot, Windermere**

**Assessor :** **Barry Curley** **Assessment Date :** **29th April 2020**

| HAZARD | RISK | PEOPLE AT RISK | LIKELYHOOD | CONSEQUENCE | CONTROL MEASURES |
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| **Weather** | Exposure to wind, cold, heat, rain. Hypo/ Hyperthermia | Entire Group Individuals | Depends on weather | Medium - High | Leader to check weather conditions before and during activity |
| | Inability to position / steer boats (due to wind) | Entire Group Individuals | Depends on weather | Low - Medium | Ongoing assessment of conditions, course / location changes as prudent |
| | Change in conditions (may be rapid) | Entire Group Individuals | Depends on weather | Low - Medium | Ongoing assessment of conditions and flexibility in delivery of activity |
| **Environment** | Drowning | Individual | Low | High | Group briefings. Buoyancy aids, properly fitted, to be used in proximity to water & while paddling. Core skills of Leaders (rescue, first aid & CPR) |
| | Slips, Trips and Falls | Entire Group | Low – Medium | Low - High | Awareness of conditions underfoot, esp. when lifting / carrying on beach and slipways |
| | Injury due to collision with vehicles | Entire Group | Low | Medium - High | Brief group, ensure awareness in car park & boat yard areas |
| | Interaction / collision with other vessels | Entire Group | Low – Medium | Low – High | Group to be briefed regards other water users & vessels. Leaders to be aware of vessel movements & take early avoiding action as required. |
| | Dehydration | Entire Group | Low - Medium | Low - Medium | Encourage regular hydration. Leaders consider carrying water for group use |

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| **Equipment** | Injury from poor manual handling | Entire Group | Medium | Medium - High | Clear briefing & demonstrations as required<br>Only UCC personnel to carry boats |
| | Injury due to poor / faulty equipment | Entire Group | Low | Low – High | All equipment to be checked by UCC personnel prior to use. Ongoing checks during activity |
| **People** | Separation of group | Entire Group | Low | Low - High | Group briefing, reference to activity map.<br>Ongoing group management; "return to start" if necessary |
| | Behaviour of other paddling groups | Entire Group | Low | Medium - High | Concise briefing, group control, avoidance measures as prudent |
| | Collision with other boats or water users | Entire Group | Low | Medium – High | Group briefing vis. other water users & vessels. Leaders to be aware of vessel movements & ensure that group takes early avoiding action as required |
| **Transport** | Injury due to unsafe vehicle or trailer | Entire Group / Public | Low | Medium - High | Individual UCC personnel to check vehicle / trailer and load prior to driving. |

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This Risk Assessment is an overview of perceived hazards, their potential impact and the steps taken to mitigate; it does not over-ride any dynamic risk assessments carried out by UCC personnel during any club activity taking place at the venue. Club Activity Leaders are empowered and expected to make reasonable adjustments as they may deem necessary to reduce any risk arising from hazards identified by their own dynamic risk assessments.

**Venue Address** (if needed for Emergency Services) is National Trust Fell Foot Park, off the A592, Newby Bridge, Windermere, LA12 8 NN

**What3Words location** – shell.bootleg.bitter **OS Grid Reference** – SD 381871

**Nearest Accident and Emergency Departments:**

16 Miles - Furness General Hospital, Dalton Lane, Barrow-in-Furness, LA14 4LF Phone number 01229 870870
31 Miles - Lancaster Royal Infirmary, Ashton Road, Lancaster, LA1 4RP Phone number 01524 65944Westmorland General Hospital in Kendal does NOT have an A&E Department.