

**Activity : Canoeing & Kayaking**

**Venue : Haverthwaite & Leven Estuary**

**Assessor : Barry Curley**

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**Review Date : 22 August 2022**

HAZARD	RISK	PEOPLE AT RISK	LIKELYHOOD	CONSEQUENCE	CONTROL MEASURES
<b>Activity</b>	General risks associated with paddlesport	Entire group / public	Low - High	Low - High	Core capabilities of competent or qualified leader following NGB best practice.
<b>Weather</b>	Exposure to strong winds, cold, rain, etc.	Entire Group	Low - Medium	Medium - High	Leader to check weather conditions before planning activities
	Hypothermia / Hyperthermia	Entire Group	Low	Medium - High	Ongoing assessment of conditions and group dressed appropriately.
<b>Environment</b>	Drowning	Entire Group	Low	High	Clear briefings, appropriate PPE properly used & properly fitted. Estuary is exposed to a wide tidal range which can give rise to fast moving water, powerful eddies and standing waves. Water depth does vary quickly with risk of grounding (onto quick sand). Careful tidal planning is necessary
	Tidal effects	Entire group	Low - High	Low - High	
	Slips, Trips and Falls	Entire Group	Low – Medium	Medium - High	Awareness of conditions underfoot, esp. when lifting / carrying on beach / slipway etc.
	Injury due to collision with vehicles	Entire Group	Low	Low - High	Briefing & group control in car park areas.
	Insect bites, ticks	Entire Group	Low		Promote use of repellent / barrier creams. Regular checks for bites.

<b>Equipment</b>	Injury from poor manual handling	Entire Group	Medium	Medium - High	Clear briefings. Good warm-up routines. Loads broken down and relayed from vehicle to boats
	Injury due to poor / faulty equipment	Entire Group	Low	Low - High	Equipment to be fit for use
<b>People</b>	Separation of group	Entire Group	Low	Low	Clear briefings, group management
	Behaviour of other water users	Entire Group	Low	Medium - High	Clear briefings, planning, group control and avoidance measures
<b>Transport</b>	Injury due to unsafe vehicle	Entire Group / Public	Low	Medium - High	Driver to check vehicle before journey
	Injury due to failure of or by trailer	Entire Group / Public	Low	Medium - High	Driver to check trailer before journey
	Injury due to shed load	Entire Group / Public	Low	Medium - High	Driver to check loading / security of load in vehicle and on trailer

This Risk Assessment records perceived hazards, their potential impact and the steps taken to mitigate them. Activity leaders shall review the venue on each occasion they use it and conduct an on-going assessment during any activity; the leader is empowered and expected to take whatever actions are deemed necessary to reduce any risk arising from any observed hazard(s).