

Risk Assessment : Canoe Activity, Tawd Vale Delph – September 2023

Aquaterra Pursuits

**Assessment carried out by:
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**Date of next review:
N/A (one-off event)**

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HAZARD	WHO?	LIKELIHOOD	SEVERITY	CONTROL MEASURES	REMAINING RISK
Drowning	All Participants	Unlikely	Fatal	Adequate Instructor cover, on water and trained in rescue Correctly fitting buoyancy aids worn at all times Pre-check medical conditions / water confidence Appropriate safety equipment – throw lines, etc..	LOW
Hypothermia	All Participants	Unlikely	Severe	Ensure	LOW

				<p>participants wearing clothing appropriate to conditions</p> <p>Instructors monitor weather conditions</p> <p>Limit time on water as necessary</p>	
Moving, Handling & Lifting	Principally Instructors & Helper	Likely	Serious	<p>Oral instruction on handling craft on land</p> <p>Step approach to loading / unloading trailer</p> <p>Check for uneven ground / obstacles / tree stumps / etc</p> <p>Clear instructions on emptying swamped boats</p> <p>Craft all have inherent buoyancy which have been swamp tested</p>	LOW
Cuts from sharp objects	All Participants	Likely	Possibly serious	<p>Check landing stage / jetty prior to use</p> <p>Footwear to be worn at all times</p> <p>First aid kit on</p>	LOW

				site Close access to clean water Advise wash / shower after activity	
Entrapment	All Participants	Unlikely	Very Serious	Instruct on correct seating / fitting to boats Check boat fittings Instruct on capsize procedure Warn of any hazards	LOW
Weather Conditions	All Participants	Fairly Unlikely	Possibly Serious	Constant monitoring by instructors	LOW
Infection	All Participants	Fairly Unlikely	Possibly Serious	Visual assessment of water quality Briefing on Weil's Disease – open cuts etc Advise washing / showering after activity Cleaning equipment between participants	LOW
Collision – other water users,	All Participants	Fairly Likely	Possibly Serious	Control maximum	LOW

paddles

number of users
on water at any
time
Liaise with other
activity leaders
Define activity
areas if
appropriate
Instructors
monitor and
control 'play'
activity