

Risk Assessment - Sunday 19th November

Venue: Hawley Lake 3, RSME Regt, Gibraltar Barracks, Blackwater, Camberley GU17 9LP

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I	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed?	Likely-hood	Consequences	Score 3 X 4	Is the risk adequately controlled and how?	What further action is necessary to control the risk?	Review comments / Review date
Vehicle traffic accessing the site causing injuring to someone - particularly around minibuses and trailers.	Participants, spectators and public in vehicles or walking near vehicles.	1	5	5	Yes. All drivers of minibuses and trailers are experienced. Team leaders will take responsibility for their students throughout the event.		Review on day if necessary.
Injury caused by collision with competitors carrying boats and kit from car park to access the lake.	Public, participants, marshals and spectators	1	3	3	Yes. All parking will be in easy access of the lake – no through roads to be crossed. Care to be taken crossing the road. Team leaders will take responsibility for their students		Review on day if necessary.

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					throughout the		
					event.		
Injury caused by	All	1	3	6	Pre Race clean up of		Review on day if
litter, debris or					site and then		necessary.
hazardous items on					inspection by race		
or near the					organisers in the		
competitor area or					morning of the		
Race Start.					event. Venue is a		
					closed, private site,		
					apart from car park,		
					so should be		
					relatively clean and		
					tidy.		
Injury caused by	Participants,	1	2	2	Nominated marshal	Nominated marshal	Review on day if
collision with	marshals and				will be positioned at	will supervise	necessary.
competitors whilst	spectators/supporte				the portage to	portage area and	
running with boats	rs				control the passage	restrict access to	
at portages					of people. The	supporters so it	
					portage area will	does not get too	
					be sectioned off	busy.	
					and will have		
					restricted access.	All competitors are	
						advised to exercise	
						care and attention	
						at portage.	
						Support Crew	
						advised to exercise	

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						appropriate caution	
						at portage.	
Competitors being	Participants	1	2	2	Debris on the	All competitors are	Review on day if
injured by running					ground and in the	requested to wear	necessary.
barefoot at portages					water next to the	protective footwear.	
					portage will be		
					cleared the day		
					morning of the		
					event. Competitors		
					are encouraged to		
					wear shoes during		
					race briefing. There		
					is qualified First		
					Aiders available to		
					assist if required		
Hazards due to	Participants,	2	3	6	The Race	If the weather is so	Review in run up
weather conditions	marshals and				Organisers will	inclement (thunder /	to and on the day.
	organisers				monitor the	hail etc), the race	
					weather forecast in	organisers will make	
					the days prior to the	a decision to either	
					race.	postpone or cancel	
					Prevailing weather	the race.	
					conditions make this		
					risk negligible.		
					School Team		
					Leaders have		

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self-rescue on too. too.						self-rescue on too.	too.	
Problems caused by Participants I 2 2 Yes. There will be safety	Problems caused by	Participants	1	2	2	Yes.	There will be safety	
poor ability of Pre-race boats on the water	poor ability of					Pre-race	boats on the water	
paddlers/ information states to help swimmers	paddlers/					information states	to help swimmers	
inexperienced that "Team Leaders out of the water.	inexperienced					that "Team Leaders	out of the water.	
paddlers are responsible for Throw lines will be	paddlers					are responsible for	Throw lines will be	
ensuring that within the safety						ensuring that	within the safety	

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					paddlers are	boats and all	
					properly equipped	participants will be	
					having taken into	wearing buoyancy	
					account the	aids. All paddlers	
					paddler's health,	will be in constant	
					fitness, capability,	line of sight with	
					the course, the	someone.	
					prevailing conditions		
					and other risks	If race organisers	
					associated with this	are concerned	
					race".	about the quality of	
						a crew, they do have	
					Safety boats will be	the ultimate power	
					on the water. In	to stop that crew	
					addition, all boats	from returning to	
					will be checked for	the lake for the	
					adequate buoyancy	afternoon session.	
					to ensure that every		
					boat competing is in		
					a fit and proper		
					state.		
Hazard due to poor	Participants	1	5	5	Yes. School Team	Team Leaders of	No one with
fitness or medical					Leaders have	paddlers with	covid symptoms
condition of					ultimate	pre-existing medical	or who have
paddlers					responsibility for	conditions that will	recently tested
					their pupils.	make organisers	positive to covid
						aware. It is the	will attend the

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					Marshals on the	responsibility of	event until they
					course will monitor	team leaders to do	have had 2
					for any problems	this.	negative Lateral
					with paddlers and		flow tests.
					take appropriate	If race organisers	
					action	are concerned	
						about the quality of	
						a crew, they do have	
						the ultimate power	
						to stop that crew	
						from returning to	
						the lake for the	
						afternoon session.	
Paddlers requiring	Participants	2	2	4	Yes. There will be	There will be safety	
rescue (from capsize					safety boats on the	boats on the water	
etc)					water to help	to assist any	
					swimmers out of	swimmers. Also the	
					the water.	marshalling team	
						will have	
						appropriate safety	
						equipment.	
Taking care of	Participants	2	2	4	Yes. All crews will	Marshals will be	
stragglers who are					be in constant line	positioned along the	
not in the main					of sight to a marshal	route to assist along	
racing group					and safety boat will	side the safety boat	
					follow the last boat	as required.	
					off the course.		

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Risk of hypothermia	Participants,	1	5	5	Yes. If conditions are	First Aiders will be	Review on day if
	marshals and				poor then paddlers	available to assist if	necessary
Risk of heat	spectators				will be advised	required. Marshals	
exhaustion and					regarding wearing	will have access to a	
dehydration					appropriate clothing	basic first aid kit	
					at the race briefing.	which will include a	
					Team Leaders and	survival bag or	
					paddlers will be	blanket.	
					required to have	Drinking water	
					suitable spare	points will be	
					clothing. Survival	available on the site.	
					blankets will be		
					available at race	Competitors have	
					control.	support teams who	
					Prevailing weather	are able to supply	
					conditions make this	dry, warm clothing,	
					risk negligible.	as well as access to	
						warm showers and	
						facilities in Hawley	
						Lake Sail Training	
						Centre	
Collisions with	Participants and	2	4	8	Yes. Other river		Review on day if
other competitors	public				users have been		necessary
or crafts (sailing					informed about the		
boats, swimmers					race. Paddlers will		
etc)					be reminded to be		
					aware of all other		

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					users and give them		
					space. Any users of		
					the lake will be		
					encouraged to stay		
					off the racing		
					course.		
Hazard due to	Participants on the	I	2	2	The course will be	lf necessary,	
aggressive swans	water				checked in advance	participants will be	
					for any aggressive	briefed on the	
					swans. There is no	hazard and marshals	
					indication of	will be placed where	
					aggressive swans.	swans are	
Overhanging trees	Participants	Ι	3	3	Yes. Participants will	If the overhang is	Review on day if
					be encouraged to	deemed dangerous	necessary
					stay clear of any	to the participants	
					overhanging trees.	by the race	
						organisers then	
						either hazard tape	
						will be used to mark	
						the overhang or the	
						race will be	
						cancelled or the	
						course amended.	
Pollution (including	Participants and	1	2	2	Yes. Removable	If pollution is	Review on day if
animal and bird	Spectators				debris at portage	deemed to be of	necessary
waste/excreta)					areas will be cleared	such a high state or	
					the morning of the	deemed dangerous	

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		race. Lake is	by the race
		constantly	organisers then the
		monitored for	Event will be
		pollution due to its	cancelled. No such
		active use as a	hazards have
		sailing lake.	been identified in
			pre-race checks.
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			Water and
			riverbank
			animal/bird faeces
			can not realistically
			be removed.
			Therefore, all
			briefings will make
			public
			announcements
			advising people to
			regularly wash their
			hands prior to
			touching their face,
			any food item, any
			drink or should they
			touch any waste,
			excreta, and/or
			hazardous items.

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Provision of Toilets /	Participants and	1	2	2	Yes. Sufficient	Toilets will be clean	Review on day if
hygiene	spectators				porto-loos will be	at the start of the	necessary
					available	day and checked a	
						number of times	
						during the day.	
Food poisoning	Participants and	1	3	3	Yes. Food will be	Food hygiene	To review with
	spectators				prepared in clean	regulations will be	cafe on the day
					and hygienic	strictly adhered to	and monitor.
					conditions.	at all times.	
					Catering is being		
					provided by Sail		
					Training Centre on		
					site.		
Burns/scalds	Participants,	1	3	3	Hot food provision	Qualified First	Review on day if
	organisers and				is being offered by	Aiders will be	necessary
	spectators				an on site cafe. Any	available to assist if	
					hot food or drink	required.	
					will be given in		
					appropriate		
					packaging.		
Contact details for	Participants		3	3	Yes. The race	The Race	
emergency response					organiser will have	Organisers will have	
					access to the	mobile phones for	
					contact details of	use if required.	
					the emergency		

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					services, and all	Telephone list to be	
					marshals on route.	distributed to	
					A telephone list will	marshals and	
					be prepared prior	officials on day prior	
					to race.	to race.	
Access for	Participants and	1	2	2	Yes. There is access	The Emergency	
emergency vehicles	spectators				to the event area for	Services have in the	
					emergency vehicles.	past gained access	
					This will be kept	to this location and	
					clear.	are fully aware of	
					Marshalls will be	the conditions.	
					sent to the entrance		
					when emergency		
					services are called		
					to help them		
					navigate access.		
First Aid coverage	Participants and	1	2	2	Yes.Marshals will be	First Aiders will be	
	spectators				asked to bring their	available to assist if	
					own personal first	required	
					aid kits which must		
					contain a survival		
					blanket.		
Communication	Participants	1	2	2	Yes. One of the		Review on day if
between Marshalls					organisers has been		necessary
					designated to		
					co-ordinate all the		

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					marshals and to		
					make sure all safety		
					issues are		
					communicated		
					between them.		
					Some key personal		
					are allocated radios		
					to support		
					communication		
					throughout the		
					races.		
Paddler and	All on site.	1	5	5	The site is closed	Highlight to team	
Participant					and private. Team	leaders in pre-race	
Protection:					Leaders are	briefings their	
(Child and					responsible for their	responsibility to	
Vulnerable paddler					students throughout	supervised and	
safeguarding)					the day.	account for all of	
					Holly Mobbs, MRC	their paddlers (and	
					Welfare Officer, will	family members).	
					be in attendance on		
					the day to support		
					any safeguarding		
					concerns. She will		
					be pointed out to all		
					at race briefing.		
					British Canoeing		
					Welfare/Safeguardin		

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					g policies and		
					procedures will be		
					followed if or when		
					required.		
Equipment Risks in	Paddlers,	2	2	4	Equipment will only	Appropriate hazard	To be reviewed
Race Control (e.g.	Spectators,				be kept with race	tape and wire	and monitored on
wires, computer	Marshalls and Race				control and all wires	covers can be used	the day.
issues etc.)	Control team				will be carefully	if needed.	
					managed throughout		
					the day.		
					Wires will be		
					appropriately laid		
					out and care will be		
					taken when moving		
					around the		
					equipment.		

LIKELIHOOD - SCORE 1–5 – the more likely it is that the hazard occurs the higher the score

CONSEQUENCES – SCORE 1–5 – the level of harm that will arise – the more harm the greater the score

Multiply the Likelihood score by the Consequences score to assess whether the risk is acceptable and the level of action required to control the risk.

Total Score = 1-6 low risk activity can take place, 8-15 medium risk put extra measures in place for activity to continue, 16-25 high risk activity should not take place as planned.

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