**British Rowing Tour 2022**

**The Great Ouse**

### **RISK ASSESSMENT**

#### Description of Event

The British Rowing Recreational Rowing Tour for 2022 is planned to take place between 9th – 11th September. The outline itinerary is:

1. St Neots RC to St Ives lock (Jones Boatyard) via Huntingdon BC
2. St Ives lock to Isle of Ely RC
3. Isle of Ely RC to West Norfolk RC (Denver Sluice)

There will be a total of approx 70 participants who are veteran oarsmen and women ranging in age from mid thirties to late seventies. All are experienced. British Rowing membership is a requirement for the event.

Boat types will be touring coxed quads (4x+), which are stable and buoyant with sufficient freeboard for expected conditions.

British Rowing “Row Safe” guidance for Touring Rowing will be adhered to.

##### Water conditions

The Great Ouse is considered unlikely to suffer rough water conditions beyond the capabilities of the boats used. Account will be taken of any strong stream conditions that may arise due to heavy rain. Care is also needed with regard to other river traffic at narrow points such as approaches to locks and bridges.

##### Assessment Methodology

Hazards have been considered based on the nature of the event and expected conditions. Risks have been assessed using the classification table below:

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| **RISK** | SEVERITY |  |  |
| **PROBABILITY** | **Low** | **Medium** | **High** |
| **Unlikely** | **1** | **2** | **3** |
| **Fairly Likely** | **2** | **4** | **6** |
| **Very Likely** | **3** | **6** | **9** |

Risks scoring 1 or 2 are acceptable (green).

Those with scores of 3 or 4 are acceptable with mitigation (yellow).

Any risks with scores of 6 or 9 are unacceptable and measures to reduce them to a lower category are needed (red).

The assessment for the event is given in the attached table.