

BRITISH ROWING								
RECREATIONAL ROWING TOUR 2024								
30th August to 1st September								
Bablock Hythe to Mapledurham								
RISK ASSESSMENT								
Area of concern	Hazard	Hazardous event	Severity of injury/damage	Probability of injury/damage	Risk basic ass.	Barriers	Controls	Risk with mit.
Travel	Road accident	Injury	3	A	L	Participants own responsibility before and after event. Bus hired for event with professional driver	Emergency plan with contact numbers and location of medical facilities	L
Boat handling	Lifting	Muscular strains/sprains	3	B	L	Practised in boat handling. Ensure sufficient people to lift boats	Group is experienced and will assist each other	L
	Slipping	Bruising and sprains through falls	2	C	L	Choose boating areas with even terrain	First aid kit available for minor injuries	L
	Parts of boat	Cuts and grazes on sharp objects / projections	1	C	L	Crews experienced and aware of typical hazards e.g. riggers and bolts	First aid kit available for minor injuries	L
	No landing stage	Cuts to feet on launching or landing	1	A	L	Wear watershoes Launch and recovery from suitable landing stages	Carry first aid kit	L
Weather	Very hot	Heat /sunstroke / sunburn	3	A	L	September - normal weather conditions cool. Forecast is for max. 22 degrees C	Participants instructed to wear hats, apply sunscreen and drink plenty of water. Land party and support boat carry extra water	L
	Cold and wet	Hypothermia	3	B	L	Suitable clothing	Land party recover affected participant(s) and seek medical assistance if necessary	L
	Strong winds	Swamping due to waves	1	B	L	Boats have high freeboard and can handle rough water Boats have buoyancy and would not sink River, not open water, so can keep close to bank Suspend rowing if extreme weather Forecast light winds. will be monitored	Boats carry bailers Buoyancy enables crew to propel boat to bank	L
	Thunderstorm	Lightning strike	5	A	M	Monitoring of weather forecast No boating in thunder conditions	Crews will be instructed to head for the bank and get off the water Emergency procedures to call assistance	L
Water conditions	Strong stream	Navigation could be dangerous, especially near locks, bridges and other obstacles risking collision and boat damage	3	B	L	Monitor EA alerts and weather Suspend rowing in extreme conditions Water conditions will be checked each day	Safety boat / land party effect rescue. Call emergency services if necessary.	L
	Pollution, contaminated water	Illness	2	A	L	Low pollution levels in upper reaches of Thames Participants instructed to wash hands or use hand sanitiser before touching food. Participants instructed to cover open wounds and grazes with waterproof plaster	Seek medical assistance	L
Navigational accident	Collision with other craft	Potential for boat damage & injury	2	A	L	Boats are coxed Crews and coxswains experienced Maps provided showing routes and hazards	Emergency procedures and communications to seek help	L
Passage through locks	Approaching too close to weir	Swept onto barrier ropes/buoys	2	A	L	Maps provided showing approach to locks Captains briefed Control position with oars, paddles and ropes where bollards available Would not boat in flood stream conditions	Bank party at locks with potential hazards (i.e. Osney) with throw lines to pull boats clear of hazards	L
	Collision with craft emerging from lock	Boat damage	2	A	L	Boats coxed Land party keep lookout and warn boats of oncoming traffic	Follow lock keepers directions on holding at entrance.	L
	Snagging on chains/ladders/walls	Tipping boat over	2	B	L	Crews briefed and experienced at maintaining awareness Lock walls generally clear of projections Cox and crew keep boat clear using boathook, paddles and oars Boats are substantial and stable	Lock-keeper / bank support alert crew and assist in pulling clear Locks manually controlled and flow can be stopped Boat is buoyant and can be used as a "life raft"	L
	Too close to upstream gates	Boat catches on cill when descending Potential for rudder damage	1	B	L	Cox briefed to keep away from gates Dont overcrowd lock Cox manoeuvres with boat hook and paddle Crew stabilise boat with sculls	Boat can exit lock safely without rudder Bank party can arrange repairs Quad sculled boats can proceed with caution using blades to steer.	L
	Caught by weir stream exiting lock	swept toward bank/other craft waiting	1	B	L	Crew briefed and alert to hazard Cox can steer appropriately Boats stable and not at risk of capsizing	Cox has boathook to fend off if necessary	L
	Broken blade or damage to rigger or gate	Crew member unable to row	1	B	L	Equipment checked for defects before boating	Quad sculls able to carry on with 3 of crew Spares either carried or available via support from land Communications available by mobile phone to call help	L

Equipment failure	Damage / loss of rudder	Loss of steering, risk of collision	1	B	L	Equipment checked for defects before boating	Sculled and crew boats can proceed using oars to steer Spares either carried or available via support from land Communications available by mobile phone to call help Safety boat assists	L
	Blisters and sores	Unable to row	2	C	L	Participants instructed to protect hands with tape or gloves. Advised to use seat pads if sensitive	First aid kit available from land party Quad sculls able to carry on with 3 of crew	L
Medical	Extreme exhaustion	Unable to row Medical assistance needed	3	A	L	Distances reasonable relative to age, experience and weather expected Boat captains instructed to give appropriate rest stops	Sculled crew boats can carry on with a member resting Communications available by mobile phone to call help Maps provided to establish location Emergency plan identifies numbers and location of medical facilities Safety boat assists	L
	Medical emergencies	Serious illness	4	B	M	Any known conditions declared and allowed for beforehand Checks made each morning as to condition of participants Boat captains instructed to monitor condition of crew	Emergency situations to be reported by mobile phone to safety coordinator Emergency service response will be co-ordinated through land-based Safety Coordinator using pre-determined emergency numbers Maps provided to establish location Locks and landing points identified for access to recover casualty Sculled crew boats can carry on with 3 out of 4 if necessary	L
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