

Risk Assessment

Company name: All Aboard Youth Rowing

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What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing to control the risks?	What further action do you need to take to control the risks?	Who needs to carry out the action?	When is the action needed by?	Done
Ill health	Rowers	All pupils are checked by staff before leaving the school	Ensure controls are maintained	Teachers, School Leads	On-going	
Slipway gate left open	Children swinging on gate. A vehicle enters the water	Launch drivers encouraged to close gate when launches out on water	Ensure controls are maintained	Launch Drivers	On-going	
Fire in electrical equipment in clubhouse	Smoke inhalation/burns to anybody in clubhouse	Smoke alarm system regularly tested and maintained. Dry water mist extinguisher Emergency lighting Evacuation procedures	Annual inspection of extinguishers	CSA	On-going	

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		Regular thermography checks				
Launch motor ignites	Smoke inhalation/burns to launch driver	All launches are equipped with a powder extinguisher	Annual inspection of extinguishers	CSA	2024	
Launch motor fails	Launch strikes bank or bridge or drifts downstream	Regular servicing. All launch drivers have mobile phones. All launches equipped with a paddle. Qualified launch drivers	Ensure controls are maintained	CSA Launch drivers	On-going	
Poor Manual Handling	Strain or back injury while carrying boats	One person co-ordinates lifts. Ensure sufficient people are available to carry boat	Ensure controls are maintained	Session coaches	On-going	
Trapping fingers	Between boat and trestle/landing stage	One person co-ordinates lifts. Concentrate	Ensure controls are maintained	Session coaches and all rowers	On-going	
Raising or lowering stable boats	Potential injury	Procedure written for operation of the lifting frame in the shipping container. Only used by trained adults	Ensure controls are maintained	Trained adults	On-going	

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		Children kept out of container, away from lifting frame.				
Strong winds blow boat into obstacles	Potential capsize and/or damage to boat	Session coaches review conditions before boating. Emergency Plans	Ensure controls are maintained	Head coach/ session coaches	On-going	
Strong river flow pushes boat into obstacles	Potential capsize and/or damage to boat	Session coaches review conditions before boating. All rowers, coxes and coaches wear buoyancy aids. Use stable boats.	Ensure controls are maintained	Session coaches	On-going	
Junior boat capsizes	Potential injury and/or damage to boat	Juniors are always accompanied by a coach in a launch carrying a safety bag. Hot showers in clubhouse. Use stable boats.	Ensure controls are maintained	Coaches/ Launch drivers	On-going	
Incorrect use of weights by rowers	Potential strain or injury	Juniors only use weights under guidance and in presence of coaches.	Ensure controls are maintained	Session coaches	On-going	
Thunderstorm	Boat struck by lightning	Session coaches review conditions before boating.	Ensure controls are maintained	Session coaches	On-going	

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		Adhere to 30:30 Rule				
Cold or wet weather	Rowers suffer hypothermia	Session coaches review conditions before boating. Adequacy of junior clothing checked prior to boating. Hot showers in clubhouse.	Ensure controls are maintained	Session coaches School Leads.	On-going	
High Temperatures	Rowers suffer dehydration/heatstroke	Session coaches review conditions before boating. Adequacy of junior clothing checked prior to boating. Rowers to apply sun screen. Cold showers in clubhouse.	Ensure controls are maintained	Session coaches School Leads.	On-going	
River pollution or contaminants	Illness to rowers	Rowers encouraged to wash hands and face after rowing, and before eating or drinking.	Ensure controls are maintained	All rowers	On-going	

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