

# Risk Assessment

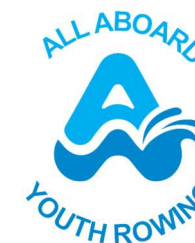
Company name: All Aboard Youth Rowing

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Date of next review: Sept 2025

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| 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.<br>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.<br>Dry water mist extinguisher<br>Emergency lighting<br>Evacuation procedures | Annual inspection of extinguishers                            | CSA                                | On-going                      |      |

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|   |  | Regular thermography checks  |  |   |                                      |             |
| <b>Launch motor ignites</b>             | Smoke inhalation/burns to launch driver            | All launches are equipped with a powder extinguisher   | Annual inspection of extinguishers                                   | CSA                                       | 2024                                 |             |
| <b>Launch motor fails</b>               | Launch strikes bank or bridge or drifts downstream | Regular servicing.<br>All launch drivers have mobile phones.<br>All launches equipped with a paddle.<br>Qualified launch drivers | Ensure controls are maintained                                       | CSA<br>Launch drivers                     | On-going                             |             |
| <b>Poor Manual Handling</b>             | 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                             |             |
| <b>Trapping fingers</b>                 | Between boat and trestle/landing stage             | One person co-ordinates lifts.<br>Concentrate  | Ensure controls are maintained                                       | Session coaches and all rowers            | On-going                             |             |
| <b>Raising or lowering stable boats</b> | Potential injury                                   | Procedure written for operation of the lifting frame in the shipping container.<br>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.   |  |   |                                      |             |
| <b>Strong winds blow boat into obstacles</b>        | 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                             |             |
| <b>Strong river flow pushes boat into obstacles</b> | 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                             |             |
| <b>Junior boat capsizes</b>                         | 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                             |             |
| <b>Incorrect use of weights by rowers</b>           | Potential strain or injury              | Juniors only use weights under guidance and in presence of coaches.  | Ensure controls are maintained                                       | Session coaches                           | On-going                             |             |
| <b>Thunderstorm</b>                                 | 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   |  |   |                                      |             |
| <b>Cold or wet weather</b>             | 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<br>School Leads.          | On-going                             |             |
| <b>High Temperatures</b>               | 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<br>School Leads.          | On-going                             |             |
| <b>River pollution or contaminants</b> | 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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