

RISK ASSESSMENT - Monmouth Rowing Club - Nor

Risk Assessment for normal routine operation and training outings by MRC club members

Exposed Persons: varies, up to 40?

Location: River Wye, Monmouth Rowing Club
(51.813132, -2.708317)

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Hazard	Consequence	Risk Without Mitigation			
		Likelihood	Severity	Risk	
Water Conditions, Weather	Exposure, Many boats affected, potential for casualties to exceed safety launch capabilities	3	4	12(M)	Experienced Panel has "Boating" which are rev indicators (Water level, overall message of "If
Child and Vulnerable Person Welfare					Welfare Officer appoint during Registration).
Inexperienced Crews / Steersperson	Additional Risk due to lack of appreciation of Hazards or experience to deal with them	3	4	12(M)	Degree of competence must have a SIGNIFIC steersperson is concern cannot pressure an ine situation.
Unknown Casualty	Rescue not effected	2	5	10(M)	Signing Out using the are still out on the water must stay responsibility
Cold Water	Exposure, reduced ability to function.	3	4	12(M)	Remember general gui that cold water signific cause shock and hypo temperature. Therefore other criteria must be v

					RED - If water Temp is
Debris	Damage to Boats, possibly capsize	3	4	12(M)	Visual check on water seriously (like icebergs, recent history of water to a flood of debris, fal
Water Level	Increased Stream, reduced time to respond	3	4	12(M)	Three Water levels indi RED (above 3.5m) - D AMBER (above 2.0m) - launch cover and if all GREEN - No specific re
Rowing above the Cottages	Additional Hazards - Fast stream at Main Bend and submerged Hazards	3	4	12(M)	Never go above the cc step. Even so, assess that others KNOW you
Submerged Hazards	Damage to Boats, possibly capsize	3	4	12(M)	Learn the water, brief y been identified and ma
Launch Wash	Shipping water, remote risk of capsize	3	4	12(M)	Launches respect othe opposite side of the wa eye on boats as they c
Emergency Response	Delayed Action	3	4	12(M)	Area by main entrance possesses a defibrillate use. Multiple mobile pl
Capsize	Immersion, Exposure	3	4	12(M)	All clubs members exp unless under launch su capsize drill, no except River is approx 50 metr distance is 25m.

Clubhouse Premises	Slips trips falls	3	3	9(M)	Facilities Manager to m premises and report to remediation. Make sur
Ramp	Slips trips falls	3	3	9(M)	Relatively steep ramp u / freezing spells (Sacks
Steps	Slips trips falls	3	4	12(M)	Depending on water le to water level. Maintain accumulate silt deposit before an outing and c carrying boats be awar "Heads" so everyone c
New Members	Drowning, capsize, exposure, collision	3	4	12(M)	All new (and annual up can a) swim in light clot prior to single sculling. enter via the "Learn to join directly.
Boating Circulation	Boats travelling in both directions	3	4	12(M)	Make sure ALL BOATS are "Stay to the the co precaution if/when row
Turning above Bridge	Risk of Stream pinning boat to Bridge Abutment	3	4	12(M)	All crews must be mind one side to take the ru the bows in towards th with Bows in to the ma Stone", or further up[st higher.
Launch Driver Competence	Inadequate response	3	4	12(M)	Majority of launch drive experienced senior rov personnel. Successior Ongoing courses to ge

Kitchen	Hygiene - Food Poisoning??	3	4	12(M)	Only authorise member (Hygiene Certificate). C
Visibility	Visibility, ability to see other boats or landmarks	3	4	12(M)	If visibility is below 500m If less than 300m (Step 2) Recognise that Fog or has lifted above 500m
Equipment	Inadequate Safety Gear	2	4	8(M)	All launches are checked and fuelled up days ahead as well as bank marshalls.
Waterborne Disease	Exposure to various possible diseases	2	4	8(M)	Situation with normal (eg Weils Disease or S not drink river water an
Drowning	Death	2	4	8(M)	In addition to throw line Provided) standing Bu assistants all wear 150 Aids which are annual

Likelihood	Rank	Score	Severity	Rank	Score
Common Occurrence	V High	5	Death or serious injury	High	5
Frequent Occurrence	High	4	Substantial injuries / Impact	High	4
Occasional Occurrence	Medium	3	Major Injury / Impact	Medium	3
Possible Occurrence	Low	2	Minor Injuries / Impact	Low	2
Improbable Occurrence	V Low	1	Trivial Injuries / Impact	Low	1

Assessor: Dan Cowton	Statement of Residual Risk: When the detailed control measures have been correctly put
Position: Chair Date 8 April 2022	

Small Club Activities

Updated: 18 April 2024

Duration of Exposure

1-2 hours, periodic

Controls			
	Likelihood	Severity	Risk
<p>Have developed this risk assessment and "Rules for going out" reviewed periodically. As far as possible actual measurable (visibility etc) are used to categorise the risk with an in Doubt, Don't go Out"</p>	1	3	3(L)
<p>Recorded. Contact details recorded for all clubs (checked)</p>			
<p>Responsibility of the crew, and especially the cox or steersperson ANT bearing on the decision to go out. If the Cox / steersperson advised about the conditions then DO NOT GO OUT. Crew steersperson experienced cox to go out when not happy with the</p>	2	2	4(L)
<p>Use of an online booking system to ensure other users KNOW you are out. (Note - This procedure still needs developing. It should be the responsibility of the person on the water to ensure adequate cover)</p>	2	2	4(L)
<p>Wind speed guidelines of 4 degrees (although this is arbitrary!). Realise that wind speed significantly reduces ability to respond, and cold water can significantly reduce hypothermia can establish in quick time, related to reducing wind speed, if water temperature is low (Measurement?) then all activities should be weighed accordingly.</p>	2	2	4(L)

below 2.5 degrees NO ROWING	2	2	4(L)
before, and during, outing. Any debris must be taken , they can be much bigger than they look!). Consider level (rising levels after long periods low often give rise ling conditions expect less debris).	2	2	4(L)
icated by painted steps: O NOT GO OUT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES - Only experienced crews (4's or 8) or smaller boats with other criteria (bedris?) are OK. restrictions, but consider all other criteria.	2	2	4(L)
ottages unless the water level is above the wide concrete ; all conditions and MAKE SURE you are signed out and are going out.	2	2	4(L)
younger crews, main hazards (submerged rocks) have arked or removed.	2	2	4(L)
er rowers, slow down when possible, or at least move to ater to reduce the size and impact of wash. Keep an get through your wash to make sure they are OK.	2	2	4(L)
is reserved for Ambulance, should it be called. Club or and 7No club members have attended training on its hone (good signal) and land lines to call 999.	2	2	4(L)
ected to attend club-run capsized drills. All single scullers, upervision by experienced club member, MUST complete ions. res wide with vegetated bank, so typical maximum swim	2	2	4(L)

<p>maintain awareness of the overall condition of the Committee if hazards are apparent that require any jobs get seen through and completed.</p>	2	2	4(L)
<p>up to boathouse. Move slowly. Grit during cold weather (of Salt grit stored inside boathouse near top of ramp).</p>	2	2	4(L)
<p>level there are up to 14 steps from the towpath level down. These should be kept as clean as reasonably possible (They are slippery during river floods). Users should reconnoitre the steps and clean off the steps ahead of boating if necessary. When boating on the steps. Either carry boats at "Waists" or "Above the steps".</p>	3	2	6(L)
<p>update for existing) members required to confirm that they will undertake a capsizing drill for 50m unaided b) will undertake a capsizing drill. New membership vetted by senior members. Novice Rowers will undertake a 6-session programme, experienced rowers may</p>	2	2	4(L)
<p>do not understand and abide by the circulation rules, which are "Stroke side blades to the bank". Take extra care when moving side by side and look out for others.</p>	2	2	4(L)
<p>careful of turning above the bridge. Start turning early (use power-off and start the turn whilst boat still has speed. Place boat close to bank to allow stream to assist the turn. NEVER turn into the stream). Start turn in good time, e.g. opposite "Regatta stream" if water level (and therefore rate of stream) are</p>	2	2	4(L)
<p>rowers have formal training and all are time served rowers with years of launch driving. All launches have 2 weeks of planning, as above, to ensure spread of experience. At least 10 more people qualified to RYA Powerboat levels.</p>	2	3	6(L)

rs to use the kitchen (normally those who hold the Food Catering Manager has overall charge.	2	3	6(L)
m (Steps to Pumping Station) - Experienced Boats Only. os to Wye Bridge) - No Rowing. her settles in the morning and burns off, so wait until it (steps to Pump-station) before boating.	2	3	6(L)
ed against a written checklist of mandatory equipment ead of the event. We have 7 launches allocated as . All Launches are used regularly and serviced.	2	2	4(L)
team means risk of exposure to waterbourne diseases ewage) is relatively low. Be aware of the possibilities, do d use normal hygiene procedures after each outing.	2	2	4(L)
es on each launch there are a number of (Council oyancy Aids along the river. Launch Drivers and orton Newton Class / EN 396 / EN ISO 12402-3 Buoyancy y checked by an RYA Yachtmaster.	3	2	6(L)

Risk Severity	Likelihood				
	1	2	3	4	5
5	5(L)	10 (M)	15 (H)	20 (H)	25 (H)
4	4 (L)	8 (M)	12 (M)	16 (H)	20 (H)
3	3 (L)	6 (L)	9 (M)	12 (M)	15 (H)
2	2 (L)	4 (L)	6 (L)	8 (M)	10 (M)
1	1 (L)	2 (L)	3 (L)	4 (L)	5 (L)

: in place the residual risk should be reduced to an acceptable level.