

RISK ASSESSMENT: BC Touring Event - Felixstowe to Woodbridge

Hazard	Who Might Be Harmed?	How May The Risk Be Adequately Controlled?	Who Is Responsible During The Tour.
Drowning	Paddlers	Wearing of buoyancy aid. Keep with Group on the Water. Paddlers are expected to have 2*/2 Seasons experience.	The On Water Leader and their Club are responsible for their Paddlers whilst on the Water.
Hypothermia	Paddlers	Paddlers should have appropriate clothes for the conditions. The On Water Leader of the Group would be expected to carry emergency clothes/shelter as a minimum.	The On Water Leader and their Club are responsible for their Paddlers whilst on the Water.
Slips Trips And Falls	Paddlers, Parents Coaches & others	Care to be taken carrying and launching boats.	The Organising Club to ensure that the Access/Egress is as safe as practical.
Sprains, Strains And Soft Tissue Injuries	Paddlers, Parents Coaches & others	Care to be taken carrying and launching boats. Care when Paddling.	The On Water Leader and their Club are responsible for their Paddlers whilst on the Water and launching.
Pollution And Water Quality	Paddlers	Advised to bathe soon after immersion Be aware of flotsam and avoid if possible.	

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Weather And Environmental Conditions	Paddlers	The Deben is a Tidal River. Wind and Tide can be challenging. Tides have been chosen to assist the Paddler. If a paddler is struggling then Emergency Exit Points have been agreed at Ramsholt and Waldringfield.	The On Water Leader and their Club are responsible for their Paddlers whilst on the Water and launching.
Other River Users	Paddlers and other users	Keep to the Far Side of the Water Ski Area (Where there is no speed limit) After the waterski area there is an 8 knot speed limit, but this is not always adhered to by speed boats. Maintain good awareness of other users and avoid the main channel.	
Weirs And Man Made Features	Paddlers Coaches	None	
Over Hanging Tree Or Strainers	Paddlers Coaches	Unlikely on the Deben	
Injury From Traffic	Competitors / Officials / Public	Both car parks are at the end of the road so traffic should be minimised.	

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Paddlers Getting Split Up	Paddlers	On Water Leaders to ensure that their Groups remain together.	The On Water Leader and their Club are responsible for their Paddlers whilst on the Water and launching.
Paddlers cannot cope with the Paddle	Paddlers	The Tour is advertised for paddlers of 2* standard (Those with 2 years+ Paddling)	The Clubs and their On Water Leaders are responsible for their paddlers on the water. They should ensure that all paddlers are capable of the distances involved and likely conditions.
Too many paddlers cause Groups to get Split Up	Paddlers	The On Water leaders are responsible for their Groups. They will keep their groups together on the water. The organiser will liaise with the On Water leaders to agree if gaps are to be left between Groups to keep separation on the River.	The On Water leaders are always responsible for activity on the water. If they are concerned that their group is getting strung out, or that it is too mixed up with other groups, then they should bring their group back together and separate from the other paddlers on the water (e.g. Drop back a few minutes)

Assessment Carried Out By:

Date: