



DCC River Blyth Risk Assessment

This DCC risk assessment is for a trip away from home water. It supplements the DCC generic risk assessment for the Deben and should be read with that document. This document only addresses risks which are additional to those experienced by the DCC on the Deben.

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Description of assessment:	Risk Assessment for club paddle on river Blyth		
Location details:	The River Blyth, from Walberswick (Ferry Road) to Blyth Church, return		
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 (and by when)?
Fast moving water either at river mouth or at edges of the channel coming off the mud flats	All Participants	Group will be Briefed on the Risks of high flow levels. Group Control will be maintained to allow managed passing of obstructions. Appropriate safety & rescue gear will be carried to allow rescues to be progressed if required.	All Coaches/ Leaders on the trip to address



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Unknown Obstructions	All Participants	Good group control is expected so that the group can stop if an obstruction is suddenly found.	The Deben Lead Coach will assess any issues as they arise with other leaders on the trip and take avoiding action where required
Access/Egress	All Participants	There is a footpath on the south side of the river along much of the river although egress may be muddy. Specific Egress Points: • Walberswick: ///reverses.hormones.asset • Southwold: ///sprinkle.fuse.ringside • Walberswick: ///rewarded.facing.community • Blythborough: ///motivates.tracks.pouting (Lunch Site)	Leader will carry phone with W3W on it.