

Dragon Boating Risk Assessment

Location	Ross Rowing Club	Work activity	Dragon Boat racing for inexperienced crews
Event Operator	Keith Burton, Pershore Greyhounds Dragon Boat Group	Safety advisor	Dave Sykes (DS)
Machines on site	Safety boats	Possible Visitors to event	Family and friends of competitors, RRC members as marshals and safety, Public as spectators

The Hazard	Location of the Hazard	Who could be harmed?	Level of risk	Controls	Implementation/ Monitoring
Injury from launching Dragon Boats	RRC steps	Operator Public RRC members Competitors	Medium	Unloading/loading of boats done under direction from an experienced RRC member or Dragon Boat skipper. Adequate numbers of people to move the boats on land	Dragon Boat operators to implement. DS to monitor
Muscular/skeletal from paddling	River	Competitors	High	Basic instruction and crew briefing given before racing to competitors. Experienced helm on each Dragon Boat, Safety boats and 'throw line marshals on site. First aider on site while racing on-going. Defibrillator available on site	Dragon Boat operators to implement. DS to monitor
Boat collision	River	Operator Competitors	Medium	All boats helmed by skilled helms supplied by the boat operators. Safety boat on the course with throw line marshals on the bank if the river is too shallow to operate a safety boat. First aider available on-site with emergency service contact number to hand	Dragon Boat operators to implement. DS to monitor
Capsize/immersion in water	River	Operator Competitors	Medium	All competitors to wear buoyancy aids provided by the operator. First aider available on-site with emergency service contact number to hand. Safety boat on the course with throw line marshals on the bank if the river is too shallow to operate a safety boat.	Dragon Boat operators to implement. DS to monitor

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