



ROSS REGATTA 2024

Saturday 24th August, 2024

DRAGON BOAT RACING – RISK ASSESSMENT

Date Of Assessment	Assessment Carried Out By	Assessment Subject	Location	Assessment Date	Review date	
		Dragon Boat Paddling/ Racing	Ross Rowing Club			
What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing?	Do you need to do anything else to manage this risk?	Actioned by?	Action by when?	Review Date
Slips and trips	Paddlers, Helms and Drummers	Paddlers are notified of the nature of the site.	Constant monitoring.			
Drowning	Helms, Drummers and Paddlers	All paddlers and Helms will wear approved flotation aids at all times whilst on or near the water. A buddy system is in place for checking all crew are safe. A safety launch will be positioned (WHERE) and has safety equipment on board.	Constant monitoring.			
First Aid Injuries	Paddlers/Helms/Drummers/Spectators	Any cuts or injuries will be dressed and reported to be included in the appropriate reporting system.	Constant monitoring.			
Collision	Paddlers/Helms/Drummers	All persons will be made aware of the paddling circuit on the river. The Helm is in charge of the craft at all times.	Constant monitoring.			



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Weather	Paddlers/Helms/Drummers	The Helms are to be confident and happy with the weather conditions - and the paddlers to be assessed as fit enough to handle the conditions. The Helms decision is final.	No.			
Severe Storm during session	Paddlers/Helms/Drummers	In the event of a storm all paddlers and crew will be taken of the water until the storm has ceased for 30 mins.	No.			
Swim ability & confidence	Paddlers/ Helms/Drummers	All that participate in paddling must be, at the least, water confident and be able to swim 50m in light clothing	No.			
Hypothermia / Hyperthermia / Exposure	Paddlers/ Helms/Drummers	All will wear appropriate clothing for the prevailing conditions and have available appropriate clothing to change into after immersion. The Helm and Safety Crew will have First Aid experience and knowledge to handle these requirements.	No.			
Manual Handling	Paddlers/Helms/Drummers	All persons who participate in paddling will be instructed in manual lifting and handling techniques for craft. All craft must be lifted with at least 20 persons due to weight of craft.	No.			
Entry/Exit onto craft	Paddlers/Drummers/Helms	Use approved system for both entry and exit as per British Dragon Boat Association guidelines.	No.			
Near Miss	Paddlers/Drummers/Helms	All near miss incidents to be recorded??	No.			
Powercraft	Paddlers/Drummers/Helms/ Rescue Drivers	All power boat drivers will be qualified to a minimum of Royal Yachting Association Level Two or equivalent.	No.			



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Third Party Interference	Paddlers/Helms	The Helms will not tolerate third party interference from any source and will cease the activity, if in their opinion safety is compromised.	The Boat House will be radioed for assistance should it be required.			
Water Contamination	Paddlers/Helms/Drummers/ Rescue Drivers	The Event Safety Officer is responsible for assessing the water quality and if there is any doubt any activities involving capsized or immersion will cease.	No.			