

Hautbois Risk Assessment

Activity: Stand Up Paddleboards	Assessor: Abbie Stewardson	Date: January 2019	Tech Advisor: Phil Hadley
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Description: Canoeing takes place on Hautbois' private Cut and the River Bure. Ratios are 1:8 for this activity with an operating area from Hautbois Cut to the Horstead Centre's pontoon.

SR= Severity Rating; 5 (Catastrophic) 4 (Major) 3 (Moderate) 2 (Minor) 1 (None)

LH=Likelihood Rating 5 (Almost certain) 4 (Likely) 3 (Possible) 2 (Unlikely) 1 (Insignificant)

RR= Risk Rating; H (High) M (Medium) L (Low) I (Insignificant)

Significant Hazard	Who Might be Harmed and How	Existing Controls	Severity	Likelihood	Risk Rating
Drowning	Participants and Instructors - entrapment from capsized SUP's elastics, non-swimmers, incorrectly fitted buoyancy aids, being hit by a paddle, unconscious casualty in the water, panicking in cold water.	Minimum Instructor qualification BCU/UKCC Level 1 All to wear CE EN393 approved Buoyancy Aids. All to follow SOP, all equipment fitted and checked by a qualified Instructor Instructor's to carry safety knives in BAs in case of participant entrapment. Leashes removed from all boards to prevent entanglement.	5	2	M
Hypo/hyperthermia	Participants: not dressed correctly for the conditions. Unplanned capsize.	Clients to be dressed appropriately for weather conditions. Due to the nature of the client base stand up paddle boarding to be suspended October to January except on special circumstances.	2	2	L
Equipment failure	Participants and Instructors - unmaintained SUP's; cuts or scrapes from fins or attachment buckles. Sinking SUP due to puncture within the body. Buoyancy aid failure.	Weekly and monthly inspections recorded. All SUP equipment to be correctly stored and checked on session, during weekly activity checks and 6 monthly PPE checks. Participants briefed on fins and how to use equipment safely.	2	2	L
Minor injuries - cuts and bruises	Participants - playing games on the SUP's. Falling from SUP's onto a object causing injury due to lack of space.	Standing up is not allowed in the cut area due to the lack of space for a safe falling zone. Kneeling or sitting in the cut only. Standing is only allowed once on the river and clients are instructed to go straight into a kneeling position if there is a possibility of any contact.	2	2	L



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Operating area	Participants and Instructors - group paddling too far and becoming fatigued. If an incident occurred too far from assistance.	Operating area to be set up between wooden pedestrian bridge to the Cut and Horstead pontoon. All Instructors to have been certified competent. For extended trips a separate Risk Assessment must be completed.	2	2	L
Infection from water/river bank	Instructor and participants- weill's disease (leptospirosis) and similar from contaminated water	Participant and clients briefed on washing hands with warm soapy water and showering after activity, and washing clothing worn. Information sheet available on downloads of website.	4	1	L