

Event Risk Assessment Macclesfield and District Canoe Club race event on Sun. 6th October

This sheet is designed to help you identify some of the potential hazards associated with waterway events and control measures. Please note you only need to choose those that are applicable to the nature, type and scale of your event – so just take what you need.

Event: __Macclesfield and District Canoe Club, Adelphi Hasler canoe race Event Date: 06.10.19 Venue: Adelphi Mill, Grimshaw Lane, Bollington, Cheshire. Macclesfield Canal Organiser: Neil Evans					
Hazards Identified	Persons at Risk	Risk Factor (High / Med / Low)	Measures Required To Control The Risk	Action To Be Taken By (Name)	Date Completed & Signature
Vehicle traffic	Competitors Bankside officials Spectators	LOW	Limited site traffic likely on race day. Site has good parking, good access, and good visibility for drivers.	Race officials	02/04/19
Injury to public	Pedestrians, cyclists on towpath	LOW	Keep towpath clear of boats and equipment. Have “canoe race in progress” signs on towpath by entry from car park. First aid trained canoe club members in attendance.	Race officials	02/04/19

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Drowning	Competitors Bankside officials Spectators	LOW	Canal is less than 10m wide, very shallow and easy to exit. All competitors must be able to swim 50m. Div 7-9 paddlers to wear BAs. All kayaks/canoes to be checked to ensure they contain adequate buoyancy.	All persons to be reminded of water hazard at briefing.	02/04/19
Weil's Disease	Competitors Bankside officials Spectators	LOW	Competitors, race officials, spectators to be reminded about risk of Weil's at briefing.	Remind all persons to wash hands before eating or drinking and to cover cuts.	02/04/19
Adverse weather conditions	Competitors Support teams	LOW	The organisers have the right to call off or implement a temporary hold on the race if adverse weather, such as lightning storms, poses a safety risk. Paddlers will be reminded of the need to get off the water and seek shelter if lightning occurs.	Race organisers, competitor, support crews	02/04/19

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Hypothermia	Competitors	LOW	Competitors to be briefed to wear adequate clothing. Organiser to have survival bags + spare clothes as part of first aid kit.		02/04/19
Hyperthermia	Competitor	LOW	Competitors to be reminded to drink plenty at briefing. Marshals to be advised to take a drink with them. At briefing people will be reminded to apply sun screen and consider wearing a hat.	Water and shade will be available at the race start point for anyone affected.	02/04/19
Injuries	Competitors, spectators, race officials	LOW	First Aid kit and qualified first aiders from the canoe club are available throughout the event.	Race organisers	02/04/19
Slipping and tripping	Competitors Bankside officials Spectators	LOW	No special precautions required.	N/a	02/04/19

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Collisions with canal boats	Competitors	LOW	<p>All competitors have sufficient experience to avoid collisions.</p> <p>Competitors to be thoroughly briefed about not passing through bridges at same time as canal boats. Competitors to be briefed about passing canal boats left-to-left</p>	Canoe race in progress signs to be displayed on towpath in vicinity of race start/ finish	02/04/19
Capsizes	Competitors	MED	<p>Junior competitors and paddlers in divisions 10-7 to wear buoyancy aids. All canoes to be fitted with buoyancy sufficient to support craft and paddler. Junior Division 10 and junior lightning race will be fully marshalled and have event signage along the course.</p>	Turn marshals to carry throwlines and a survival bag. Junior race in progress signs.	02/04/19
Refreshments- food poisoning	All consumers of refreshments	LOW	<p>Staff at refreshments to keep hands clean with gel or soap/water.</p> <p>Consumers to be reminded to clean hands after paddling and before eating.</p>	Have hand cleaning gel available for consumers of refreshments.	02/04/19

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- *Canoeing and kayaking is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk.*

Note that as a club affiliated to the British Canoeing, MADCC has public liability insurance. All competitors must be members of BC and thus also have individual insurance cover.

Name of assessor: NEIL EVANS (Race organiser for and on behalf of Macclesfield and District Canoe Club)

(Print) signature: N Evans

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