

Hexham Explore League (sculling splash'n'dash races) Event – Standard Risk Assessment

On water hazards – Risk Assessment

Hazard	Initial Risk	Consequence	Prevention	Control Measure	Final Risk
Bad conditions (wind and water) or their deterioration	Medium	Possible boat capsize or sinking Hypothermia	Racing to be suspended by organising members at HRC. Crews and coxswains must wear appropriate clothing	HRC event organising members to monitor weather and water conditions and inform head of event. Competing club requirement	Low
Bad conditions (lightning)	Low	Possible Injury Hypothermia	Racing to be suspended or cancelled depending on forecast. Any crew on the water will be called back to the landing and asked to come off the water. Clubhouse to be open so to take shelter. Individual competitor at liberty to withdraw.	HRC event organising members.	Low
Weir at bottom end of river	Medium	Injury to person and damage to boards	All crews must listen to safety briefing before event and be aware of the hazard.	Competing crew requirement Organising HRC club members will notify	Low

				<p>crews from bankside if they feel crew is too near to the weir</p> <p>Each crew to have experienced cox steering boat.</p>	
Equipment failure	Medium	<p>Possible Injury</p> <p>Boat Capsize, sinking or unrowable</p>	<p>All boats comply with BR Row Safe.</p> <p>Boats will be inspected before launching.</p> <p>Boats to be continuously monitored throughout the event for any issues.</p>	<p>Competing club requirement</p> <p>HRC organising club members.</p>	Low
Collision with bank, buoys, fixed obstructions or floating debris	Medium	<p>Possible injury</p> <p>Boat capsize, sinking or unrowable</p>	<p>Course map to show event to coxes for familiarity.</p> <p>River will be monitored for debris that is hazardous.</p> <p>HRC members will warn of hazards if spotted from bankside.</p> <p>Basic competence of coxes.</p>	<p>Course/river to be inspected before event begins.</p> <p>Club members deployed along the course from bankside to monitor event.</p>	Low
Boat capsize, sinking or unrowable	Medium	<p>Crew unable to return to landing.</p> <p>Competitors in the water.</p>	<p>Shoe holders allow quick escape from the boat.</p>	<p>Competing club requirement.</p>	Low

			<p>Scullers should have been instructed on the Capsize Drill by their club.</p> <p>Racing will be stopped if necessary.</p> <p>Boats used are large stable which are difficult to overturn and should provide stability.</p> <p>Boat on hand to aid crews if get into difficulty.</p>		
Sudden illness to a competitor	Medium	<p>Possible capsize.</p> <p>Boat unable to proceed.</p>	<p>Clubs request all competitors to check they have no medical condition prior to taking up rowing.</p> <p>Crews will be asked to highlight any incidents to the bankside with a raised arm and alert shout, then to row to bankside for aid.</p> <p>Racing to be stopped if necessary.</p>	<p>Competing club requirement.</p> <p>HRC organising club members to prevent underdressed or ill-looking competitors from boating.</p> <p>Radio communication.</p>	Low
Competitor in the water	Medium	<p>Shock</p> <p>Hypothermia</p>	<p>Coxswains require to wear appropriate life jackets.</p>	<p>Competing club requirement</p>	Low

		Drowning	<p>All competitors required to be able to swim.</p> <p>Boats are stable and will normally remain buoyant.</p> <p>Boat will come to aid of crew from bankside.</p> <p>Thermal blankets/alternative warm clothing available and recovery are in clubhouse.</p>	<p>HRC club members along the course</p> <p>Equipment in boathouse</p> <p>First aid on site</p>	
Competitor injury or illness	Medium	<p>Treatment required.</p> <p>Possible emergency.</p>	<p>First aid provided on site.</p> <p>First aid kit available from boathouse/clubhouse.</p> <p>Procedure for calling emergency services in place and notify Ambulance Service.</p>	<p>HRC club members along the course</p> <p>Police/Ambulance notified</p> <p>First aid on site</p>	Low
Medical Emergency	Medium	Urgent and/or major treatment required.	<p>Initial first aid provided on site.</p> <p>Procedure for calling emergency services in place and notified Ambulance Service.</p>	<p>First aid and recovery area planned before event.</p> <p>Procedure and communication between HRC club members in place to request Medical assistance from Police/Ambulance service.</p>	Low

Skill Tasks – Risk Assessment - ?should we delete the detailed skills bits?

Skill Test	Initial Risk	Consequence	Prevention	Control Measure	Final Risk
Emergency Stops >Catch a crab, blades dig in to water	Low	Injury Damage to blades or boats Treatment required	Crews should have been briefed before event on skills to be tested so can practice. Experienced coxswains on hand to advise in the boat.	Competing club requirement. Crews to be monitored from bankside by officials. All crews to be briefed before event of tasks.	Low
Square Blade Rowing >Catch a crab causes oar injury	Low	Injury Damage to blades or boats Treatment required	Crews should have been briefed before event on skills to be tested so can practice. Experienced coxswains on hand to advise in the boat.	Competing club requirement. Crews to be monitored from bankside by officials. All crews to be briefed before event of tasks.	Low
Rigger Dips >Boat turns over from bad technique due to instability	Medium	Injury Shock Hypothermia Treatment required	Crews should have been briefed before event on skills to be tested so can practice. Experienced coxswains on hand to advise in the boat. All competitors should be able to swim and have	Competing club requirement. Crews to be monitored from bankside by officials. All crews to be briefed before event of tasks.	Low

			had performed a capsized drill with their own clubs.		
360 degree turn >Boat turns over from bad technique due to instability	Low	Injury Shock Hypothermia Treatment required	Crews should have been briefed before event on skills to be tested so can practice. Experienced coxswains on hand to advise in the boat. All competitors should be able to swim and have had performed a capsized drill with their own clubs.	Competing club requirement. Crews to be monitored from bankside by officials. All crews to be briefed before event of tasks.	Low
Blade swap from bow to stroke >Boat turns over from bad technique due to instability	Low	Injury Shock Hypothermia Treatment required	Crews should have been briefed before event on skills to be tested so can practice. Experienced coxswains on hand to advise in the boat. All competitors should be able to swim and have had performed a capsized drill with their own clubs.	Competing club requirement. Crews to be monitored from bankside by officials. All crews to be briefed before event of tasks.	Low
Blade swap from bow to stroke >Crew member hit in head with oar	Medium	Injury Treatment required	Crews should have been briefed before event on skills to be tested so can practice.	Competing club requirement. Crews to be monitored from bankside by officials.	Low

			Experienced coxswains on hand to advise in the boat.	All crews to be briefed before event of tasks.	
10 roll ups >Boat turns over from bad technique due to instability	Low	Injury Shock Hypothermia Treatment required	Crews should have been briefed before event on skills to be tested so can practice. Experienced coxswains on hand to advise in the boat. All competitors should be able to swim and have had performed a capsize drill with their own clubs.	Competing club requirement. Crews to be monitored from bankside by officials. All crews to be briefed before event of tasks.	Low
Retrieval of an object >Cox falls out of boat when retrieving object	Low	Injury Shock Hypothermia Treatment required	Crews should have been briefed before event on skills to be tested so can practice. Experienced coxswains on hand to advise in the boat. All competitors should be able to swim and have had performed a capsize drill with their own clubs. Coxswains to wear appropriate life jackets for safety reasons. No	Competing club requirement. Crews to be monitored from bankside by officials. All crews to be briefed before event of tasks	Low

			wellington boots allowed to be worn on the water.		
Race start from a buoy >Boat turns over from bad technique due to instability	Low	Injury Shock Hypothermia Treatment required	Crews should have been briefed before event on skills to be tested so can practice. Experienced coxswains on hand to advise in the boat. All competitors should be able to swim and have had performed a capsize drill with their own clubs.	Competing club requirement. Crews to be monitored from bankside by officials. All crews to be briefed before event of tasks.	Low

Hazards on land – Risk Assessment

Hazard	Initial Risk	Consequence	Prevention	Control Measure	Final Risk
Injury to spectators/members of the public along the public footpath, in front of boathouse.	Medium	Injury Damage to boats or equipment	Notice to be placed on footpath highlighting the event to the public. Instructions to keep clear access to pathway along river.	First aid will be available. Instructions to crews. HRC club members to monitor area during the event.	Low
Slips from path, steps or pontoon	Low	Injury Spectator in the water	HRC club members on hand to ensure safety of other crews. Best efforts to keep areas being used dry and clean.	First aid will be available. Recovery area in clubhouse.	Low
Dirt from landing stage in cuts on hands.	Medium	Injury	Best efforts before event takes place to clean the landing stage of any dirt.	First aid will be available. Clubhouse toilets will be open and appropriate hand washing and drying facilities to be available.	Low