

**Cambois Rowing Club**  
**Junior Inter Regional Regatta Trials Risk Assessment Form**

DATE: 5<sup>th</sup> Mar 2022

LOCATION: River Wansbeck

AREA/ACTIVITY: Water based competition on the River Wansbeck

involving familiar and unfamiliar crews, scullers and coxes

Item No.	Activity/equipment/materials, etc.	Hazard	Persons at risk	Severity	Likelihood	Risk Rating	Control Measures Required	Final Result*
						H 20-36 M 12-18 L 1-10		
1	Racing Shells Rescue Craft Tents Trailers	Incident through difficult weather or water conditions.	All competitors, bystanders, spectators and club volunteers.	4	4	Medium 16	Weather and water conditions assessed and either only allow higher levels of competence to compete or modify running order. Cancel the event entirely.	
2	Racing Shells Rescue Craft Tents Trailers Blades	Lightning	All competitors, bystanders, spectators and club volunteers	5	2	Low 10	Action plan involving weather warnings and using the 30/30 rule to delay or cancel as advised in BR document	
3	Racing Shells Rescue Craft Blades	Collisions between competitors travelling in opposite directions	All competitors	4	3	Medium 12	1. Crews informed of navigation rules (upstream North bank, downstream South Bank ie port to port). 2. Crews not allowed to row back down the course once proceeding upstream to the start. 3. Crews monitored by marshals when returning to the landing stages after racing enforcing the circulation pattern.	
4	Racing Shells Rescue Craft Blades	Collisions with other boats eg canoes, sailing craft	All competitors	4	4	Medium 16	1. Crews informed of navigation rules (upstream North bank, downstream South Bank ie port to port) 2. Canoe Club and Sea Scouts advised of event prior to race date 3. Course monitored throughout its length 4.	

							Marshal placed by road bridge – all in radio contact	
5	Racing Shells Rescue Craft Blades	Collision with bridges	All competitors	3	5	Medium 15	1. Rules not allowing overtaking at bridges. 2. Marshal positioned near road bridge vicinity.	
6	Racing Shells Rescue Craft Blades	Capsize proceeding to the start and during the start	All competitors	3	4	Medium 12	1. Course monitored throughout its length. 2. Marshal placed at road bridge. 3. Vehicle access points identified to transfer victim quickly. 4. All marshals/monitors in radio contact	
7	Racing Shells Rescue Craft Blades	Capsize and congestion at the start marshalling area	All competitors and rescue personnel	3	4	Medium 12	1. Start Marshals to direct crews and monitor safety. 2. Cancel event if river flow excessive. 3. First aid at the clubhouse. 4. Boating in 5 divisions to reduce numbers at the start.	
8	Racing Shells Rescue Craft Blades	Capsize at the finish area	All competitors and rescue personnel	3	4	Medium 12	1. Finish Marshals in place. 2. First Aid post at the boathouse.	
9	Racing Shells Rescue Craft Blades	Collisions/contact between racing crews	All competitors,	3	4	Medium 12	1. Monitor presence increased at narrows and bridges to give warnings. 2. Marshal placed near road bridge. 3. Landing stage marshals supervise launching, leaving and landing. 4. Circulation pattern enforced. 5. Crews instructed to keep race finish area clear. 6. No warming up adjacent to the course.	
10	Racing Shells Rescue Craft Blades	Hypothermia (non-immersion) whilst racing or marshalling.	All competitors, bystanders, spectators and club volunteers	5	4	High 20	1. Competitors warned to be appropriately dressed for the conditions. 2. Juniors removed by marshals if considered at risk.	
11	Racing Shells Rescue Craft Tents Trailers	Incidents requiring first aid only	All competitors, bystanders, spectators and club volunteers	3	3	Low 9	1. First Aid with identified first aiders with a vehicle at the boathouse. 2. All Marshals in radio contact	

12	Racing Shells Rescue Craft Tents Trailers	Incidents requiring hospital treatment	All competitors, bystanders, spectators and club volunteers	3	3	Low 9	Ambulance Service notified of event and provided with Safety Plan including access points. 2. Fire Brigade (with rescue launches/SRT capability) similarly notified. 3. Accident and emergency hospital identified.
13	Racing Shells Rescue Craft Blades	Competitors in the water	All competitors, bystanders, spectators and club volunteers	4	4	Medium 16	Under BR rules: 1. All competitors must be competent swimmers. & coxswains must wear a personal flotation device relevant to bow or stern loader. 2. Marshals issued with throw bags.
14	Racing Shells Rescue Craft Blades	Unsuitable equipment	All competitors,	4	4	Medium 16	Under BR rules all clubs must supply properly and regularly maintained equipment for their members which is safe and adequate for its intended purpose. Random detailed checks together with visual checks will be made by marshals on boating.
15	Racing Shells Rescue Craft Blades	Collision with submerged obstacles/grounding in shallow areas	All competitors	1	5	Low 5	1. Crews to be advised of course to start and during race. 2. Obstacles and shallow areas buoyed off. 3. Marshals to be sited to prevent grounding/collision. 4. Course will be cleared of any debris if hazard to racing. 5. Course inspected the previous day.
16	Racing Shells Blades Rescue Craft Pontoon Wooden Steps	Slips/trips/falls	All competitors and club volunteers	4	4	Medium 16	1. Crews and volunteers to be made aware of hazards when boating. 2. Wooden steps to be covered with wire mesh to reduce slip hazard. Boating supervised by marshal to ensure orderly queuing.
17	Racing shells Trailers Blades Rigger etc	Impact with equipment in trailer park	All competitors, club volunteers and members of public	4	4	Medium 16	1. Cars and trailers parked in accordance with published parking plan. 2. Parking marshals available to assist parking. 3. First aid cover present at event. 4. Supervised designated route to carry boats to boating pontoons.
18	Racing shells Blades	Impact with boat whilst being carried	All competitors,	3	4	Medium 12	1. Notices to be placed either end of public footpath warning public of event. 2. Site

	Trailers	Trip hazard with unattended equipment	club volunteers and members of public				layout to be prepared before event as guide to competitors and race officials. 3. Competitors instructed to keep clear access to public pathway in front of boathouse (eg. blades not propped on railings opposite boathouse.	
19	Racing Shells	Anti social Behaviour eg passers by throwing stones. Injury to competitors or supporters	All competitors, club volunteers	4	2	Low 8	1. Race Marshals instructed to report all incidents to Race Control and Safety Advisor. 2. Possible decision to temporarily suspend event if behaviour continues. 3. Contact details for police published prior to event	

### Cambois Rowing Club – Risk Assessment Form

**To be completed by the person undertaking the risk assessment**

Name:

Position: Club Water Safety Advisor

Signature:

Date: