

**FRIENDS OF ALLONBY LIVERPOOL CANOE CLUB SUMMARY ASSESSMENT OF RISK.**  
**VENUE – QUEENS DOCK COMPLEX LIVERPOOL**

Friends of Allonby Liverpool Canoe Club

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<b>HAZARD</b>	<b>WHO MIGHT BE HARMED?</b>	<b>IS THE RISK ADEQUATELY CONTROLLED?</b>	<b>WHAT FURTHER ACTION IS NECESSARY TO CONTROL THE RISK?</b>
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<b>1. Drowning.</b>	All participants. Inclusive of:  Club and Event related officials e.g.  Kayaking and Canoeing Club members, Coach's, Referees, and Event Officials.	All participants taking part must be able to swim and are required to wear buoyancy aids whilst on the water.  All participants will be required to wear buoyancy aids whilst engaged in activities on the pontoons.  Club policy in terms of the use of the pontoons is clear. No Buoyancy Aid: No Access.	The standing order in terms of Club Policy is that there has to be a minimum number of three competent paddlers, paddling together in order to offer assistance in the event of an incident. Life Belts are available at many locations along both sides of Queens Dock. First Aiders will be on hand throughout each session. A Rescue Craft is on hand throughout each session. Proximity of Centre taken into account. Monitor and Review.
<b>2. Cold and Hypothermia.</b>	All participants.	All paddlers will be encouraged to wear appropriate clothing for the prevailing weather conditions e.g. long or short sleeved cagoules, long johns, wet shorts etc. However, if any participants complain of being cold, or appear to show any signs of hypothermia, they should be removed from being 'on water' to get dry, warm up and/or replace clothing.	Hot drinks and food are available within the vicinity if required to assist in boosting the body temperature. All players will have close access to dry/warm clothing.  A Rescue Craft is on hand throughout each session. Two way Radios or Mobile Phones are available to summon further assistance. Proximity of Centre taken into account.



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5. Tripping or Slipping on access steps or pontoons.	All Participants	Participants are advised to wear suitable wet footwear with a non-slip sole, or training shoes, when using the access steps to Queens Dock and whilst stepping on and off the pontoons. Pontoon walking surface wood is specific non-slip construction. But care needs to be exercised to avoid algae or, bird deposits etc particularly when wet.	Ongoing Housekeeping Maintenance to ensure minimum build up of growth or droppings.
6. All Activities.	Canoeists and Officials	All participants must comply with the licence “Liverpool Waterfront Water space Code of Practice for Canoeists and Kayakers” with specific respect to other users.  All participants must comply with and observe those conditions of both conduct and the condition of their equipment as laid down in the current BCU Canoe Polo Yearbook.  Users to be aware of the Emergency and Standard Operating Procedures.	Ongoing continual review that all conditions are being observed and adhered too.  Game officials and Coaching staff to rigorously apply rules as directed by the current yearbook.  Continual review of both equipment and The individual’s compliance with the current Year Book’s standards.  Ensure each member has access to a current copy of the Standard Operating Procedures, via the website.

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7.Powered Rescue Craft	All Water Users.	Boat Handlers must be certified to RYA Level 1 and 2. Qualified Boat Handlers: P.Kelly. M.Moffitt. G.Martin. V.Milhench. F.Vaughan.	Fuel Tank to be removed after use and stored in the Flameproof Box in the lock up. Maximum amount of stored Fuel not to exceed 10 Litres.
8.Boat and Manual Handling	All Members	All members are advised that two people should lift boats at least. Failure to do so could lead to injury. The issuing and storage of boats to be supervised by at least one adult.	All new members to be advised at induction. Continual monitoring. By all members. Boat storage to be monitored to ensure to alleviate the domino effect whilst removing them for use.
9.Entrapment  10.Falling into the Dock	All Water Users  App participants	Participants briefed in capsized drill. Use of uncluttered Cockpits. Quick response Safety cover.  In general no one should encroach over the dock wall perimeter fencing. Where it is necessary e.g. maintenance then there needs to be at least two competent adults in attendance.	Maintain existing controls  Committee and club members will steward and monitor Events organisers to brief participants accordingly.

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<p>11 <u>Safety Cover Group A Standards</u>            (Open Water more than 100metres from the centre)</p>	<p>Users recognised as <u>below</u> the equivalent of the 2 Star / CST standard.</p>	<p>Users must be under the control of a Level 2 Coach. A ratio of 1 coach per 8 paddlers being the accepted guidelines. A Level 1 Coach is permitted to take up to 4 Users providing there is a higher awarded coach (Level 2 or above) within close proximity.</p>	<p>Users are continually developed using the BCU Coaching, Star Accreditation or Paddle Power initiatives.            The Star and CST awards are set as an example level but due recognition has to be made of the various other means to acquire the necessary paddling ability. E.g. experience or competition being key factors in an assessment of the individual.            Continual ongoing assessment of each individual personal skill.</p>
<p>12 <u>Safety Cover Group B Standards</u>            (Open water more than 100 metres from the centre)</p>	<p>Users recognised as <u>equal to or above</u> the Equivalent of 2/3 Star or CST or First Aid certified.</p>	<p><u>Summer (Prevailing Weather Cons.)</u>            Users must have or be equal to 2 Star and CST standard.  <u>Winter (Prevailing Weather Cons)</u>            Users must have or be equal to 3 Star and CST or First Aid Certified.  <u>Minimum Number</u>            Minimum number allowed is three. At least one of who must be over 18years.</p>	<p>There needs to be a Club Official present whilst members are paddling. (Coach, Committee member, Key Holder etc)            Additionally there is a requirement for a trained Fire Marshall when the centre is occupied.            Navigation lights must be used when paddling at dusk outside the floodlight areas covering the centre and the pitches.</p>
<p>13 <u>Safety Cover Group C Standards</u>            (Participants in Canoe Polo Tournaments and Training Sessions. Must be within close proximity of the Centre (25 Metres) or within the confines of the Polo pitches)</p>	<p>Some users maybe recognised as <u>Novices</u></p>	<p>Users must have at least a Level 2 Competition, Water or Land based Coach <u>in attendance.</u>  <u>Minimum Number</u>            Minimum number allowed is three at least one of whom should hold the CST.</p>	<p>Users are continually developed as per the detail printed above.</p>