



Name of activity	Open water paddlesport		Reference number						
Location of activity Moderate	Open water winds up to F4 up to 500m from shore		Ratio for activity			Kayak 1:6, canoe tandem 2:12, canoe solo 2:8			
Level of qualification needed to lead	Lead: Open water canoe coach or sea kayak coach or BC L3 or MWE in relevant discipline, or relevant discipline moderate water coach (new) or UKCC level 1 or 2 or sheltered water coach (new) and 4-star leader (moderate water leader) with internal training and assessment								
Level of qualification needed to second	UKCC level 1 and 4- star in relevant discipline, or Moderate Water Leader, or UKCC Level 1 with internal training and assessment								
Location of activity Advanced	Open water winds over F4 over 500m from shore		Ratio for activity			Kayak 2:6, canoe tandem 2:8, canoe solo 2:6			
Level of qualification needed to lead	Open water canoe coach plus advanced canoe leader or advanced open water canoe coach, sea kayak or BCU L3 with 5 star or AWE in relevant discipline or UKCC Level 2 plus 5 -star								
Level of qualification needed to second	UKCC level 1 and 5- star in relevant discipline, or UKCC Level 1 with internal training assessment								
This document must be read in conjunction with	Activity Standard Operating Procedures see also Canoe rafting + Canoe sailing risk assessments and SOPs and Water sports Generic Risk Assessment								
Key: L – Likelihood, S – Severity, R – Risk				Risk Score 1- 2 = Low 3- 4 = Medium 5- 6 = High					
Activity Description	Foreseeable Hazard	Who might be harmed and how?	L	S	R	Control measures	L	S	R
Open water paddle sport	Wind	Staff and participants – wind may blow boats off course or unable to make progress	2	2	4	Route chosen to suit conditions and group	1	2	3
						Staff strategies to suit conditions and group.			
						Backup evacuation plan.			



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Open water paddle sport	Tide	Staff and participants – tide direction and speed may prevent progress on journey	2	2	4	Staff have knowledge of venue and size and effect of tide	1	2	3
Open water paddle sport	Waves / swamping	Staff and participants – waves may break over boat leading to swamping, capsize and hypothermia	2	2	4	Route chosen to generally head into or with waves Staff brief in man overboard drill and practice Monitoring of effect of waves on boats Crews chosen to suit size of craft and conditions	1	2	3
Open water paddle sport	Loss of paddle	Staff and participants – loss during capsize or breakage	2	2	4	Spare paddles carried within group	1	2	3
Open water paddle sport	Empty boat becoming blown away after a capsize	Clients, prolonged immersion in water.	2	3	5	Group briefed to hold on to boat during capsize. Staff skilled at rescues able to chase or tow a boat,	1	3	4
Open water paddle sport	Client unable to get back into a boat following a capsize	Clients, prolonged immersion in water.	2	3	5	Staff trained assessed in strategies for getting people back into boats including large or less mobile people	1	3	4
Open water paddle sport	Being struck by Lightning strike	Any members of the group caught on water burn fatality	2	3	5	Avoidance use of Forecast Observation	1	3	4



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Open water paddle sport Kayaking	Trapped by spray deck during capsize	Group member capsize entrapment drowning	2	3	5	Participants approaching minimum BC 1-star standard so able to wear spray decks	1	3	4
						Participants briefed in use of spray decks			
						Staff remain vigilant for grab loops			

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