

Battle of the Thames SUPolo Tournament at Thames Sailing Club

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| ADMINISTRATION | Blue Chip Board Store | VENUE | Thames Sailing Club |
| JURISDICTION | This is a Thames Sailing Club activity | TASK | Risk Assessment |
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| HAZARD DESCRIPTION | HAZARD CONSEQUENCE | PERSONS AT RISK | CURRENT CONTROL MEASURES | PROB (1-5) | SEV (1-5) | RISK (L, M, H) | RECOMMENDED CONTROL MEASURES |
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| Bringing boards to the lower hard/ river side | Falling down or hitting persons with the boards and or paddles | Everyone | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equipment should be carried from the vehicles with caution so as not to cause impact with staff or other persons | 1 | 1 | L | <i>Safety Briefing will cover this hazard</i> |
| Confirm the roll of the volunteers | Confusion during an incident | Everyone | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> discussion with volunteers on their role | 1 | 1 | L | <i>Volunteer Staff Safety Briefing will cover this hazard</i> |
| Impacting with the river bank | Personal injury | All Participants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The inflatable SUP-Polo Arena will reduce the like hood of river bank impact</i> | 1 | 1 | L | <i>Include in the safety briefing</i> |
| Water Hazards River Depth | Risk of impacting the bottom of the river | All Participants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> River depth is adequate to avoid contact | 1 | 1 | L | <i>Include in the safety briefing</i> |
| Water Hazards Impact with a board | Collision and falling on a board | All Participants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only soft boards will be used | 3 | 1 | L | <i>Safety Briefing will cover this hazard</i> |
| Water extraction for a serious injury | Process to extract a seriously injured paddler from the water | All Participants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A seriously injured paddler will be placed onto a board and brought ashore via the ramp and delivered to a qualified first aid operative as per the accepted SUP water rescue method. | 1 | 4 | M | <i>Safety Briefing will cover this hazard</i> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Probability</p> 1 = Improbable - Unlikely to occur 2 = Unlikely - May occur in time 3 = Likely - Will probably in time 4 = Very Likely - Will probably occur in a short period of time 5 = Almost certain - Could happen immediately | | | | <p style="text-align: center;">Severity</p> 1 = Negligible - Very minor injury 2 = Slight - Minor injury 3 = Moderate - Significant injury / over 3 days off work / serious 4 = High - Major injury / hospitalisation 5 = Very high - Catastrophic / fatality/ death or illness on a major scale | | | |
| <p>Risk rating scale: Low (1-5) = Work can go ahead with caution / supervision Medium (6 – 10) = Action plan for improvement to be completed in the medium term. High (11 – 25) = Eliminate the hazard or take immediate action to reduce the risk.</p> | | | | <p>When should the risk assessment be reviewed?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If an accident or injury occurs and investigation establishes precautions were followed but inadequate. Following refurbishment or substantial alteration to premises. At the placement / employment planning stage of young people. It should be reviewed at least annually even if none of the above apply. | | | |

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| Temperature Hazard Hyperthermia | Cold water and air temperature | All Participants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participants are advised to wear correct protective clothing | 2 | 2 | L | <i>Safety Briefing will cover this hazard</i> |
| Water Polo Hazards Impact person on person | Injury from falling in or a board or paddle | All Participants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only soft boards will be used | 1 | 1 | L | <i>Safety Briefing will cover this hazard</i> |
| Water Polo Hazards Impact board on board | Injury from falling in or a board or paddle | All Participants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only soft boards will be used | 1 | 1 | L | <i>Safety Briefing will cover this hazard</i> |
| Water Polo Hazards Impact with paddles | Injury from falling in or a board or paddle | All Participants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only soft boards will be used | 1 | 1 | L | <i>Safety Briefing will cover this hazard</i> |
| Water Polo Hazards Impact with ball | Injury from falling in on a board or paddle | All Participants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only soft boards will be used | 1 | 1 | L | <i>Safety Briefing will cover this hazard</i> |
| General Safety | Miscellanies injuries | All Participants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First aid kit sited in the Clubhouse lobby | 1 | 1 | L | <i>Safety Briefing will cover this hazard</i> |
| General Safety | Miscellanies injuries | All Participants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Observers and ball retrievers stationed around the outside of the arena perimeter | 1 | 1 | L | <i>Safety Briefing will cover this hazard</i> |
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