

**BBCC  
WAGON LANE WWR 2022  
PROJECT MANAGEMENT**

**RISK ASSESSMENT (last updated 5 Nov 2015)**

| <b>What are the hazards?</b>                      | <b>Who might be harmed and how?</b>   | <b>Existing mitigation</b>  | <b>What further action is necessary?</b>                         | <b>By whom?</b>            | <b>By when?</b> |
|---|---|---|--|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Slips, trips and falls                            | Paddlers, spectators<br>Cuts, bruises, abrasion, breaks.  | Provide clear launch and egress points.<br>Provide marker tape on low hanging slalom lines if unavoidable.  | Check bankside before event                                      | BBCC<br>Facilities manager | On the day      |
| Shallow water                                     | Paddlers, safety boaters, swimmers.<br>Head impact or foot entrapment on underwater obstructions. | Safety briefing to competitors. All competitors to wear approved helmets and footwear. Safety on bank if low flows or safety boaters if higher flows.<br>Nominated First Aider.   | None   | Organiser                  | On the day      |
| Entrapment on mid-stream obstructions (eg. rocks) | Paddlers, safety boaters, swimmers.<br>Injury, drowning.  | Clear floating debris before event.<br>Safety boaters. Access to both banks readily available except in high flows.<br>Throwline rescue from bank or walk out if needed.  | Consider cancelling if access to island is not possible.         | Organiser                  | On the day      |
| Deep, fast-moving water                           | Paddlers, safety boaters, swimmers<br>Drowning, swept onto mid-stream obstructions or downstream  | Safety briefing to competitors. All competitors to wear approved buoyancy aid. Safety boaters or throwline rescue from bank.<br>Good access along right bank to rapids downstream which are Grade 1 to 2.<br>Nominated First Aider. | Inspect downstream rapids for entrapment hazards prior to event. | Organiser                  | On the day      |

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| High river flows                          | Paddlers, safety boaters, swimmers.<br>Drowning, swept downstream. | Safety briefing to competitors. Person responsible for each paddler or group to make decision regarding competence to complete the course on the day. | Cancel event if fast flows would make rescue difficult. | Organiser       | From 1st May and on the day |
| Adverse weather conditions (warm or cold) | Paddlers, spectators.<br>Hypo- or hyper-thermia.                   | Provide shelter in clubhouse<br>Provide access to water or hot drinks   | None  | BBCC            | n/a                         |
| Biological hazards (eg. Leptospirosis)    | Paddlers, safety boaters<br>Illness after event.                   | Raise awareness with poster at control, provide clean tap water for washing, plasters to cover cuts   | None  | BBCC            | n/a                         |