

# Risk assessment

| Event/Date   | Stanley<br>WWR 23rd<br>March 2025                                |                           |            |          |       |        |  |   |
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| Location   | Stanley,<br>Perth  |                           |            |          |       |        |  |   |
| Organiser  | Phil Dean  |                           |            |          |       |        |  |   |
| Safety Officer   | Phil Dean  |                           |            |          |       |        |  |   |
| Safeguarding Officer   | Calum Urqhart  |                           |            |          |       |        |  |   |
| What are the hazards?  | Who might be harmed?   | Consequences              | Likelihood | Severity | Score | Risk   | Is the risk adequately controlled and how?   | What further action is necessary to control the risk?   |
| Traffic - paddlers must cross the main road to access cars at the finish | Participants and spectators in vehicles or walking near vehicles |                           | 1          | 3        | 3     | Low    | Paddlers will be warned of traffic at the briefing and advised to use the pavement. visibility is poor and boats protrude into the road when exiting the footpath if paddlers are not careful. | no parking on the main roadside use the layby carpark only. it is too close to the change to national speed limit.                                      |
| Stanley Weir rebar   | participants   | Trauma, possibly stitches | 1          | 3        | 3     | Low    | Advise paddlers of which section to paddle   |   |
| entrapment in boat   | Participants   | Death                     | 1          | 5        | 5     | Medium | paddlers sent at 1 minute intervals with highest ranked and most experienced going last. Paddlers wear CE approved buoyancy aids and helmets if good physical condition                        | Recce of course before to assess any further risks. reassessment may be required if water levels change to outside normal conditions as per SEPA gauge. |

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| boat pinned on rocks  | Participants                              | Death                         | 1 | 5 | 5 | Medium | there are no real boat pinning hazards on this section of river   |  |
| unconscious in water  |   | Death                         | 1 | 5 | 5 | Medium | paddlers sent at 1 minute intervals with highest ranked and most experienced going last   | paddlers to remain on the water as safety cover until 2 paddlers are safely down the course. |
| Risk of drowning – river level                                | Participants                              | Death                         | 1 | 5 | 5 | Medium | River level to be reviewed prior to, and on day of race. In the event of high river level, organiser may amend course, restrict entry, cancel event (or combination of above) |  |
| Injury due to collision / action of other river or bank users | Participants, marshals and officials      |                               | 2 | 2 | 4 | Low    | paddlers advised to shout which side they are passing on, the river is wide so shouldn't be a major problem.  |  |
| water submersion mild hypothermia                             | Participants                              | injury (hypothermia)          | 2 | 3 | 6 | Medium | Paddlers to ensure they have adequate clothing (either worn or secured in waterproof bags in craft)   | Random spot checks will be carried out prior to race start. Sweeper will carry first aid kit |
| water submersion severe hypothermia                           | Participants                              | Death                         | 1 | 5 | 5 | Medium | short section of river in use with road access/footpaths to start and finish  |  |
| Introduction of non-native species                            | Participants                              |                               | 1 | 4 | 4 | Low    | In race information, remind all entrants that boats should be cleaned and dried before launching and after racing.  |  |
| All Paddlers accounted for                                    | Participants                              | Worsened state of hypothermia | 1 | 4 | 4 | Low    | Timekeepers to ensure all paddlers on start list are accounted for at finish line.  |  |
| Emergency Response  | Contact:<br>Race officials<br>07896034458 |                               |   |   |   |        |   |  |

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| Definitions  |  |   |
| LIKELIHOOD - SCORE 1-5 - the more likely it is that the hazard occurs the higher the score   |  | 5 certain to occur, 4 likely to occur in most circumstances, 3 possible could occur at some time, 2 unlikely not likely to occur in normal circumstance, 1 rare may only occur in exceptional circumstances |
| CONSEQUENCES - SCORE 1-5 - the level of harm that will arise - the more harm the greater the score   |  | 5 severe - death or permanent disability, 4 major hospital admission required, 3 moderate medical treatment required, 2 first aid required, 1 insignificant injuries not requiring first aid                |
| Multiply the Likelihood score by the Consequences score to assess whether the risk is acceptable and the level of action required to control the risk. |  |   |
| risk 1-4 low 5-8 medium 9-14 high 15-25 very high  |  |   |
| no action required on low risk   |  |   |