

Shark Risk Assessment for canoeing on the flat water at Havelock/Three Bridges, Southall

Risk	Actions	Responsibility	Other
Falling in the water	<p>All participants must wear Buoyancy aids.</p> <p>Participants are informed of what action to take if they should fall in, prior to getting in a boat.</p>	<p>Instructor</p> <p>Instructor</p>	<p>At entry level lessons, at least one instructor must be on the water.</p> <p>Entry level lessons are designed to minimise the chances of falling in.</p>
Ill effects of immersion in water	<p>Cuts and open wounds should be covered before participants take part.</p> <p>Participants are advised that if they fall in they should shower as soon as possible.</p> <p>If any ill effects are felt, to seek medical advice as soon as possible and to inform doctor of the fact you have been canoeing in the canal.</p>	<p>Paddlers/parents/instructors</p> <p>Instructor to advise, parents or participants to act</p> <p>Instructor to advise, parents or participant to act.</p>	
Injury from tripping or falling over	No running on the canal side, near equipment, or moored boats	Instructor to enforce rules	
Injury from lifting canoes	Juniors not to lift boats on their own	Instructor	Boat should only be carried under supervision by juniors and the always two people per boat.
Injury from bumping into each other on the water	<p>Deliberate crashing is not allowed</p> <p>Buoyancy aids are designed to give all round protection from minor collisions.</p>	Instructor to maintain behaviour whilst on the water.	At entry level lessons paddlers will not be travelling sufficiently fast to cause any major issues

Injury from being accidentally hit by another person's paddle.	<p>Lessons to be run to ensure that paddlers have their own space.</p> <p>Deliberately hitting other paddlers is not allowed.</p>	Instructor.	
Hypothermia	Paddlers should wear appropriate clothing. If participants fall in they should follow the teacher's instructions and get back in the boat as soon as possible.	Instructor to advise	Survival blankets are available at all sessions.
Exhaustion	Paddlers should wear appropriate clothing for the conditions, on hot days bring water to drink	Instructor to advise	
Sun burn	Wear appropriate clothing and sun cream	Paddlers or parents	Being in close proximity to water, the sun is reflected onto the skin and participants need to be aware of additional risk on sunny days.
Paddlers becoming entangled with fishing wires	Lessons to be managed to avoid being too close to anglers	Instructor	
Other Canal traffic	<p>Lessons to be managed to move paddlers to the relevant side of the canal when motorised craft come along.</p> <p>Paddlers to be fully briefed of the dangers of other craft.</p> <p>An instructor would be on the water when there are beginners on the water</p>	Instructor	This can be a busy stretch of canal, with boats pulling in to moor for the lock.

Moored craft	Paddlers need to be told to keep away from moored craft, beginners sessions to be supervised from the water, with instructors aiding paddlers to keep away from moored craft.	Instructors	There are residential mooring on one side and there are usually other boats moored on the towpath side near the lock.
--------------	---	-------------	---