

**WANSBECK PADDLE SPORTS CLUB
EQUIPMENT RISK ASSESSMENT dated November 2016**

to be read in conjunction with General Paddling Risk Assessment dated November 2016

Hazard	Who might be harmed	Control measures in place	What else needs to be done to reduce the risk
1. Drowning	Participants /coaches	Buoyancy aids to be in good condition	Check before every use.
			Check buoyancy every 24 months.
2. Drowning & head injury	Participants /coaches	Helmets to be in good condition, worn on all club activity	Check before every use
3. Entrapment	Participants /coaches	All boats to be in good condition with secure fittings	Check before every use
		Introductory session to include briefing about suitable clothing/footwear	Introductory briefing
		Session briefing to include check for snag hazards	Session briefing
4. Entrapment & injury	Participants /coaches	Footrests to be fitted and secure as Equipment Management Procedures.	Check before every use
	Participants /coaches	Hull to be in good condition. No holes, splits, tears or creases.	Check before every use
	Participants /coaches	All fittings to be secure. All nuts tight	Check before every use
5. Strain Injury during rescue	Participants /coaches	Air bags/buoyancy blocks/bulkheads fitted and operational	Check before every use
6. Strain Injury during paddling	Participants /coaches	Back rests to be fitted and secure as Equipment Management Procedures.	Check before every use
7. Injury whilst carrying	Participants /coaches	Carrying handles, loops, toggles and thwarts to be in good condition	Check before every use