

# Bewl Canoe Club Risk Assessment



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| Title | Pool sessions at Weald Sports Centre |
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| Date | 09 December 2024 | Assessors | Jon Cowdock, Rob Pain | Review Date | TBA |
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| Location Details | Weald Sports Centre, Angley Road, Cranbrook TN17 2PN |
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| Hazard                       | Who might be harmed and how?  | How might the risk be adequately controlled?  | What further action may be required?   | Comments/Review date |
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| <b>Slips, trips or falls</b> | <b>Paddlers and others.</b> Wet poolside environment with multiple individuals moving around                    | Attendance limits in place to eliminate overcrowding. Leaders/supervisors to remind participants of Pool safety rules (no running, obey pool rules and signs). Boats not in use to be stored away from pool edge. Children to be under close supervision from guardian and supervisors.             |  |                      |
| <b>Manual handling</b>       | <b>Paddlers and others.</b> Moving boats into/out of pool building  | Leaders/supervisors trained in safe manual handling. Participants shown correct lifting methods including safe emptying of swamped craft.   |  |                      |
| <b>Impact injury</b>         | <b>Paddlers and others.</b> Cuts, bruises, breaks, head injuries from craft collisions, paddles, trips or falls | Attendance limits in place to eliminate overcrowding. Leaders to brief participants on techniques for entering/exiting craft at poolside and ensure paddlers keep appropriate distance from others. Leaders to have first aid training and have access to first aid kit and support from pool staff | Children to be assisted/supported when entering/exiting boats. Advise participants to consider wearing helmets |                      |
| <b>Drowning</b>              | <b>Paddlers and others.</b> Entering water from poolside or from craft. Capsize. Paddler entrapment.            | Attendance limits in place to eliminate overcrowding. Leaders/supervisors to check boats and footwear for entrapment risks. A leader, supervisor or pool attendant to be  | Close supervision / buddying-up 1:1 for children and for anyone learning wet exits, rolls                      |                      |

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|  |  | actively monitoring participants at all times. Poolside rescue equipment to be instantly accessible. Leaders to be trained in rescue skills and resuscitation, have means of calling for emergency assistance | etc. Advise participants to consider wearing PFDs. |  |
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Office use only (to be completed by a risk assessment sampler if selected for sampling)

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**Notes:**

- All leaders to have regular refresher training in first aid and in rescue procedures
- Dynamic risk assessment to be used throughout the activity