

TTARC Regatta Risk Assessment

Club:		Talkin Tam Amateur Rowing Club						Date: 12.04.2026		
Assessors:		H. Rigby, J. Britton						Revision Requirement: As per change		
Task or Activity (Hazard)	Risk	Inherent Risk				Control Measures	Residual Risk			
		Probability	Severity	Risk Score	Risk Level		Probability	Severity	Risk Score	Risk Level
Hazards Associated with the Water										
Competitors travelling in opposite directions	Collision, capsiz	2	4	8	Moderate	The circulation pattern and site map are circulated to all competing clubs and published publicly prior to the date - these inform of the local navigation routes and rules on the Tam. All competitors are to be advised in capsiz recovery by their own clubs. Crews are monitored by marshals and instruction is given where necessary. Crews to keep a good lookout. Safety boat provision is on the water at all times when crews are on the water. Official personnel are in radio contact throughout the day. First aid assistance is available and access is maintained for emergency vehicles.	1	4	4	Low
Capsiz before/during/after the race	Cold water shock, hypothermia, drowning	3	5	15	Intolerable	The circulation pattern and site map are circulated to all competing clubs and published publicly prior to the date - these inform of the local navigation routes and rules on the Tam. The circulation pattern is designed to maintain adequate separation from other boats. All competitors are to be advised in capsiz recovery by their own clubs - where this is not the case. Clubs are asked to liaise with Race Control and competitors may be asked to wear a lifejacket. Crews are monitored by marshals with a clear view and instruction is given where necessary. Safety boat provision is on the water at all times when crews are on the water. Official personnel are in radio contact throughout the day. First aid assistance is available and access is maintained for emergency vehicles.	2	4	8	Moderate
Coming into contact with waterborne hazards e.g. blue green algae	Ill-health effects	2	4	8	Moderate	All competitors will be advised of the hazard in the Competitors Instructions document prior to attending. Advice will be sought and guidance followed from the Council regarding the levels of blue-green algae in the Tam. Areas where waterborne hazards are known to be bad will be avoided where possible and crew contact with Tam water will be minimised. All open wounds, cuts and blisters to be washed on return to land. First aid assistance is available. Impacted individuals advised to seek medical attention if symptoms occur.	1	4	4	Low
Racing crews at speed	Collision, capsiz, injury due to being hit by oars, collapse, exhaustion, loss of breath	5	5	25	Intolerable	The circulation pattern and site map are circulated to all competing clubs and published publicly prior to the date - these inform of the local navigation routes and rules on the Tam. All competitors are to be advised in capsiz recovery by their own clubs. Crews are monitored by marshals and instruction is given where necessary. Safety boat provision is on the water at all times when crews are on the water. Crews to keep a good lookout. Official personnel are in radio contact throughout the day. First aid assistance is available and access is maintained for emergency vehicles. Warnings are given by the umpire(s) as required.	2	4	8	Moderate
Natural growth of weeds in the tam hindering boat progress	Entanglement of boats, capsiz, becoming stranded	4	3	12	Substantial	Buoys will be placed to guide crews through the best water. The circulation pattern and site map are circulated to all competing clubs and published publicly prior to the date - these inform of the local navigation routes and rules on the Tam. All competitors are to be advised in capsiz recovery by their own clubs. Crews are monitored by marshals and instruction is given where necessary. Safety boat provision is on the water at all times when crews are on the water. Official personnel are in radio contact throughout the day. First aid assistance is available and access is maintained for emergency vehicles. A short course will be used if weed impedes the usual 700m regatta course.	2	3	6	Low
Use of shallow water	Grounding of boats, becoming stranded	2	3	6	Low	Buoys will be placed to guide crews through the best water. The circulation pattern and site map are circulated to all competing clubs and published publicly prior to the date - these inform of the local navigation routes and rules on the Tam. All competitors are to be advised in capsiz recovery by their own clubs. Crews are monitored by marshals and instruction is given where necessary, including walking the boat back to deeper water and for equipment to be checked again prior to re-use. Crews to keep a good lookout. Safety boat provision is on the water at all times when crews are on the water. Official personnel are in radio contact throughout the day. First aid assistance is available and access is maintained for emergency vehicles. The Organising Committee will decide before the event whether it is necessary for launching and landing crews to wade into the water for boating. If this is the case all competitors will be informed and advised to wear appropriate footwear and wash their legs/feet after racing.	1	3	3	Low
Requirement for first aid whilst on the water as a result of the event	Lack of first aid treatment available causing injury/ill health to worsen	2	4	8	Moderate	Safety boat provision is on the water at all times when crews are on the water. Official personnel are in radio contact throughout the day. First aid assistance is available and access is maintained for emergency vehicles. First Aid location is highlighted on regatta map.	1	4	4	Low
Requirement for emergency medical treatment whilst on water (more than first aid) as a result of the event	Serious injury/ill health, fatality	2	5	10	Substantial	Safety boat provision is on the water at all times when crews are on the water. Official personnel are in radio contact throughout the day. First aid assistance is available and access is maintained for emergency vehicles. Emergency services are informed of the event prior to the event taking place. A defibrillator is available at the tea room.	1	5	5	Moderate
Use of unsuitable equipment	Collision, capsiz, injury due to equipment becoming loose/breaking	2	5	10	Substantial	All equipment to conform with British Rowing standards and checked as required prior to the event. Spot checks will be carried out by officials on the day. All competitors to check their equipment prior to launch.	1	5	5	Moderate
Hazards Associated with the Weather										
Hot weather	Hyperthermia (sunstroke), sun burn, dehydration	3	4	12	Substantial	Shaded areas are available at the Tam in various locations across site. Competitors will be encouraged to rest in the shade. Showers will be available with provision for cool water. Competitors encouraged to wear sunscreen and regularly drink water. Drinking water taps are available on site. The tea room will sell cold drinks. Appropriate clothing to be worn for the weather conditions. Where severe symptoms are experienced, first aid is provided and access for emergency vehicles is maintained at all times.	2	4	8	Moderate
Cold weather	Hypothermia, cold shock	3	4	12	Substantial	Sheltered areas are available at the Tam in various locations across site. Competitors will be encouraged to rest in shelter. Showers will be available with provision for warm water. Competitors encouraged to wear appropriate clothing. The tea room will sell hot drinks. Where severe symptoms are experienced, first aid is provided and access for emergency vehicles is maintained at all times. Crew comfort to be monitored, including coxes.	2	4	8	Moderate
Strong winds	Capsizing crews, boats being blown into the bank/shallow areas, falling items e.g. branches or fencing	3	5	15	Intolerable	All competitors are to be advised in capsiz recovery by their own clubs. Crews are monitored by marshals and instruction is given where necessary. Safety boat provision is on the water at all times when crews are on the water. Official personnel are in radio contact throughout the day. First aid assistance is available and access is maintained for emergency vehicles. Where strong winds are forecast or experienced, the Race Organisers will discuss alternative arrangements such as only allowed larger boats to race.	2	4	8	Moderate
Lightning	Strike, burns, fatality	2	5	10	Substantial	Where lightning is experienced, the event will be paused and all crews will be advised to leave the water and seek shelter. The British Rowing ROPSA 30/30 rule will be followed. Official personnel are in radio contact throughout the day. First aid assistance is available and access is maintained for emergency vehicles.	1	5	5	Moderate
High pollen count	Hayfever, allergic reaction	3	3	9	Moderate	Persons advised to self-medicate. First aid assistance is available and access is maintained for emergency vehicles.	2	3	6	Low
Hazards Associated with Land-Based Users and Equipment										
On land hazards such as boat straps, oars and landing stages	Slips, trips and falls, cuts, grazes, bruising	4	3	12	Substantial	Marshals and volunteers will be available across the site to advise on mitigating hazards. No cars are to be placed on fences near the play area and should instead use the dedicated car storage areas. All shoes are to be taken in the boat by competitors. Safety information will be provided to competing clubs prior to the event. First aid assistance is available and access is maintained for emergency vehicles.	2	3	6	Low
Use of PA equipment (radios, loudspeakers, speaker systems)	Electrocution, noise, battery chemicals causing corrosion	2	5	10	Substantial	Where not otherwise owned by TTARC, equipment will be hired from reputable companies where equipment should be suitably rated, tested and protected. In extreme weather, the event will be amended, taking into account the affect that the PA system has on safety. Where cables lie along the ground, steps will be taken to make this safe, either through signage or by visibly securing the cables in place. Layout of PA system is designed to avoid main pathways where possible.	1	5	5	Moderate
Congregation of boats and spectators/competitors on land	Collision, striking	3	4	12	Substantial	Marshals and volunteers will be available across the site to advise on mitigating hazards. Where large groups become a hazard there will be split up. A one-way route is in place for competitors with boats, including signage. Barriers are installed around site to guide people appropriately. Access is maintained at all times for emergency vehicles.	2	4	8	Moderate
Vehicles in car parking areas	Collision, striking by vehicle. Fatality	2	5	10	Substantial	Marshals and volunteers will be available across the site to advise on mitigating hazards. Car park marshals will be briefed prior to the event. A one-way system through the parking field will be in place. It will be requested that all livestock is removed from the parking field prior to the event; any livestock will remain at the farmers risk. Barriers are in place throughout the car park to guide vehicles and pedestrians. Signs are erected to indicate direction that vehicles and pedestrians should take. Marshals are aged 18+ where possible. Marshals in the car park wear high-vis clothing. Council speed limits are in place. Matting is provided by the Council and erected at entryways to the parking field to prevent vehicles slipping in muddy conditions.	1	5	5	Moderate
Blocked access for emergency vehicles	Injured person(s) unable to receive medical attention	2	5	10	Substantial	Marshals and volunteers will be available across the site to advise on mitigating hazards. Car park marshals will be briefed prior to the event. Barriers are in place throughout the car park to guide vehicles and pedestrians, maintaining a clear route at all times for emergency vehicles. Officials are in contact throughout the day.	1	5	5	Moderate
General Hazards Associated with Public and/or Other Site Users										
General Public Use of the country park, not associated with the regatta	Slips, trips and falls, aggression, conflict	2	4	8	Moderate	Site owner has installed sufficient advice, information and signage to meet these potential hazards as a consequence of the normal daily public use of the site. No additional controls are believed necessary.	1	4	4	Low
Attendance of dogs	Dog attacks, general nuisance, fouling and associated infection	2	4	8	Moderate	Site owner has installed sufficient advice, information and signage to meet these potential hazards as a consequence of the normal daily public use of the site. No additional controls are believed necessary. Site owner has indicated areas where dogs must be kept on leashes and dog access prevented, in particular the children's play area. Site owner has installed signage prohibiting dog fouling and the provision of dedicated dog bins for faeces disposal.	1	4	4	Low