

RISK ASSESSMENT – ACTIVITY LED BY PURE ADVENTURE – SEA KAYAKING - JERSEY

In addition to evidence of recent and relevant experience, the leader must hold the appropriate BCU qualification for the activity proposed.

HAZARD OBSERVED	RISK BEFORE CONTROL MEASURES	PERSONS AT RISK	CONTROL MEASURES	COMMENTS ACTIONS	RESIDUAL RISK RATING
Avoidable objective dangers/unsuitable location.	Disabling or fatal injury.	All participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Location has been specifically assessed by technical adviser Ability/experience of group taken into account. Weather forecast and state of tide obtained, weather and water conditions constantly monitored and activity adjusted accordingly. 	Written site-specific risk assessment for activity and procedures to follow	Low
Water environment	Drowning, injury.	Participants in activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The leader holds the appropriate BCU qualification for the water (inland or sea) and conditions prevailing. Knowledge of individuals swimming ability / water confidence known. Group supervised in BCU recommended ratios by qualified staff. The leader holds first aid and resuscitation awards. Personal buoyancy meets BCU recommendations and leaders check buoyancy always worn correctly when afloat. All boats have suitable buoyancy. Equipment as recommended by BCU is carried and used as appropriate. Participants are appropriately trained in use. 	Ensure all BCU certified staff follow the expectations of the National Governing Body in regard to kit checks	Low
Equipment failure.	Drowning	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All equipment is checked before use; an equipment log is maintained and an annual maintenance programme is undertaken. 	Monitoring programme in place.	Low
Head injury.	Injury	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helmets are obligatory and provided by the company staff 		Low
Exposure to weather.	Hypothermia, sunstroke, dehydration	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suitable clothing and footwear and change of clothes. 	Provide clear information about	Low

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spare clothing and emergency equipment available to group. • Plan for individuals who may not bring suitable clothing – check before departure and/or bring spares. • Weather forecast obtained, wind and water conditions constantly monitored and activity adjusted accordingly. • Temperature of day monitored and plan for cooling down measures when heat of the day reaches extremes. • Always carry water bottle for use when required. • Emergency method of communication carried with lead instructor at all times. 	suitable clothing and equipment to all participants.	
Lightning and/or storms/High Winds	Capsize/injury/drowning	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity will not commence in Storms or very high winds which would normally be associated with very rough seas. Any sign of lightning nearby and group will return to land and shelter. 	Monitor of sea state and weather continuously.	High