

UBBC Head Race Risk Assessment

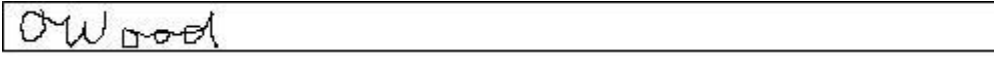
Event: UBBC Head Race		Event Date: 28 th November 2009		Venue: Saltford		Organiser: Timothy Wood	
Hazards Identified	Persons at Risk	Risk Factor (High / Medium / Low)	Measures Required To Control The Risk	Action To Be Taken By (Name)	Date Completed & Signature		
Slipping on concrete pad/ towpath	Competitors, spectators, marshals	Medium	Wash any silt off concrete, warning signs along towpath. In case of ice grit spread on concrete	Event Co-ordinator			
Slipping/ Tripping when entering boat	Competitors	Low	Trip hazards removed, marshals ensure safe boating. Grit on pontoons if icy, pontoons checked to ensure good working order. Competence of competitors	Event Co-ordinator			
Vehicles on site	Competitors, spectators	Low	Car parking marshalling, vehicles only allowed in designated areas. Clear sign posting	Event Co-ordinator			
Marshals moving equipment prior to race	Marshals	Low	Correct lifting procedure, light loads only, safety launches to be launched by experienced people (ie. Safety Launch drivers)	Marshals			
Darkness before/after event	Marshals, competitors, spectators	Low	Ensure lights are working, provision of extra lighting for presentation	Event Co-ordinator			
Crowds/ pinch points	Spectator	Low	Move spectators away from pinch points	Marshals			
Drowning	Competitors, spectators	Low	Coxswains have lifejacket <u>and check made to make sure they are able to use</u> prior to launching, 2 safety launches with line throwing equipment, all crews briefed in capsize drill, all boats checked before boating for safety	<u>Control commission,</u> launch drivers			

Collision	Competitors	Low	Coxswains briefed on black spots, marshals present at black spots who know the water, safety launches on water to aid marshalling throughout boating and racing.	Event Co-ordinator launch drivers
Water borne disease	Competitors	Low	<u>Information displayed about water borne diseases in boat house and website. Boat house contains a shower which can be used by competitors in case they are at risk of contracting disease.</u>	Event Co-ordinator
Hypothermia/ exposure	Competitors, Marshals	Low – medium	Advice on suitable clothing sent to participating clubs, marshals instructed on symptoms, safety launches carry ‘space blankets’, first aiders will be present on pontoons	Event Co-ordinator launch drivers, first aiders
Exhaustion	Competitors	Medium	First aiders situated on pontoons	First aiders
Fast flowing water	Competitors, launch drivers	<u>Medium</u>	In the event of a very fast stream the event will be cancelled, in the event of a moderately fast stream the novice division will be cancelled	Event Co-ordinator safety advisor, launch drivers
High water	Competitors, launch drivers	<u>Medium</u>	In the event high water results in significant flooding of the concrete area leading to the pontoons, the event will be cancelled.	Organiser, safety advisor
Dangers to spectators		Low	Information on hypothermia posted in UBBC boat house, bank side marshals in radio contact with safety launches in case of spectator falling into water	Event Co-ordinator,

Weather risk (thunderstorm, hail etc)	Spectators		Weather forecasts will be monitored in the week proceeding the event. Weather risk will be taken into account when considering if event is safe.	Safety Advisor	
Risk to other non competing river users	Spectators, competitors, marshals	Low – medium	The River Avon Users Consultative will be informed of the event taking place, and signs will be placed upstream of the start and down stream of the finish	Organiser, safety advisor, launch drivers	
Risk of other non competing river users	Other river users	Low	Marshals shall be aware of anglers and other non-competitive rivers users, and inform crews of their presence if it constitutes a hazard	Organiser, Marshals	
	Competitors, launch drivers	Low		Organiser, Marshals	

Other Notes:

- This event is not being run under ARA affiliation, it will still however be run in line with their safety guidelines. It is however being run under BUCS and will also abide to their high safety standards.
- [Boats will be checked for river worthiness in accordance with ARA Water Safety Code before boating](#)
- 3 trained first-aiders will be on site along with 2 dedicated safety launches. First aiders will have a university first aid qualification or similar (Jim Lucas, university safety officer will be consulted as to what an appropriate qualification is).
- In the event of an incident, the event coordinator will make a 999 call. Avon Ambulance Service has been made aware that the event is taking place.
- All marshals will be briefed on health and safety concerns before the event, marshals will all be people who have knowledge of stretch of river so are aware of any points of danger.
- Insurance for the event is provided primarily by the competing clubs and BUCS. So long as all members have paid, they will be covered. This will be made clear in correspondence with competing clubs

Name of assessor: TIMTOHTY WOOD (print) **Signature:** 

Date: 01/08/2009