

RA CAN13 - THIS RISK ASSESSMENT SHOULD BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH BOTH THE
GENERIC AND ENVIRONMENT SPECIFIC RISK ASSESSMENTS

AVON OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES CLUB

Risk Assessment Activity: Canoeing and Kayaking (Symonds Yat)

Risk	Who may be Affected	Mitigation
River bed / banks		
a) Collision / impact / foot entrapment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Un-natural features" 	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The river bed and banks have been extensively remodelled. Caution needed of potential shallow spots and groin walls when choosing location of coaching practice in low water flow.
Other Users		
b) Collision / impact <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Novice paddlers Open Canoes - commercial hire 	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The site is often used by a large number other groups for novice training which can lead to congestion and the paddlers may not have sufficient control of their boats. The Coach is to time the location of practice to avoid conflicts and students will be instructed on what to do if a collision is unavoidable during the WW Safety training. The rapids are often used for through passage by commercial hire company craft. The open canoes generally have little, if any control. The Coach should instruct the group to stop practicing and take cover behind the stone groin walls to avoid impact collision when the open canoes are sighted at the top of the rapid.

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