

ACTIVITY - Closed Cockpit Kayak

MINIMUM INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATION -

(Taster Session) HLAC In-House Assessed (Assessed by a Paddlesports Coach/UKCC level 2 with PSRC trainer)
with British Canoeing Paddlesports Safety Rescue Course, or Paddle Sports Leader

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INSTRUCTOR : PARTICIPANT RATIO - 1:8 (Paddle UK Courses) 1:12 (Taster sessions)

Risk	Who Might Be Harmed	Measures to Minimise Risk
Drowning	Participants Instructors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full safety briefing prior to start of activity. • Appropriate clothing and buoyancy aids to be worn by all participants and Instructors. • Instructors to carry a radio. • Instructors trained in the relevant rescue techniques. • Instructors to hold a relevant first aid qualification • First aid kits available in the building and in powerboats. • A powerboat is on the water at all times whilst courses are running.
Injury from paddle	Participants Instructors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full safety briefing prior to start of activity. • Helmets to be worn by participants under 18's. • Over 18's advised to wear a helmet, but it is their own choice not to wear one. • First aid kits available in the building and safety boats. • Instructors to hold a relevant first aid qualification.

Capsize and entrapment	Participants Instructors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full safety briefing prior to start of activity. • Ensure effective group control and supervision. • Ensure Instructor : Student ratios are maintained. • All craft checked for hazards prior to going afloat. • Instructors to follow advice and syllabus from the appropriate NGB. • Instructors to hold relevant in date first aid qualification. • First aid kit available in the building and safety boats. • All instructors to carry a radio. • Safety boat on the water ready to go at all times. • All instructors are to be equipped with a safety knife in their buoyancy aid.
Injury while afloat	Participants Instructors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full safety briefing given prior to start of activity. • Instructors to hold a relevant first aid qualification. • Ensure instructors maintain effective group control and supervision. • Ensure Instructor : Participant ratios are maintained.
Injury whilst on land	Participants Instructors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full safety brief given on the relevant manual handling advice. • Instructors trained in the relevant manual handling procedures. • Area of operations to be checked for hazards prior to the session. • Instructors to supervise the manoeuvring of craft.

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