

ACTIVITY - Katakanu

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MINIMUM INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATION - HLAC In-House Assessed (Assessed by a DATE - 24/03/25 Paddlesports Coach/UKCC level 2 with PSRC Trainer) with British Canoeing Paddlesports Safety Rescue Course

INSTRUCTOR: PARTICIPANT RATIO - 1:12

Risk	Who Might Be Harmed	Measures to Minimise Risk
Drowning	Staff, Participants	 Everyone is to wear a buoyancy aid on the water Full safety brief to be given before going on the water Safety boat tied to jetty at all times while on the water RYA power boat level 2 trained staff member on land Supervision by instructor at all times (instructor led session only)
Injury from paddle	Staff, Participants	 Participants on instructor led sessions must wear helmets if under 18 Over 18's advised to wear a helmet, but it is their own choice not to wear one. Participants given full safety brief prior to going on the water Equipment checked regularly Demonstration of correct paddle use to be given before going on the water.
Injury from portage of boat	Staff	 Correct manual handling techniques to be used. Staff should use portage trolley with 1-2 staff members to move the boats on land.
Collision with other water users	Participants, other water users	 All water users made aware that Katakanus are in operation. Participants to be briefed on how to manoeuvre craft, and where they can and cannot go Instructors to keep their sessions separate from other sessions. Instructors to supervise their boats at all times.



Injury from crush damage	Participants, staff	 Staff to assist participants entering and exiting the boat from jetty. Participants to receive full safety briefing before entering the boat
Swamping of craft	Participants, staff	 All participants fitted with buoyancy aid Staff to maintain supervision while boats are in use, and watch for signs of swamping. Staff to maintain good manual handling procedures when draining the boat. Powerboat tied to jetty Visual daily checks to be completed before use.
Capsize/ entrapment under boat	Participants	 Manufactures guarantee boat will not capsize Full safety brief given including what to do if under the boat Staff to maintain supervision while boats are in use. Power boat tied to jetty
Loss of control in high winds	Participants	 Management and instructors to perform dynamic risk assessments as to whether Katakanus should be used. Powerboat tied to jetty for recovery Instructors should make dynamic decisions on where best to take their group Full safety brief given ahead of session Participants should be briefed on where best to go if winds are high.
Injury from components of boat	Participants, staff	 Visual check to be completed before use. Full monthly check to be carried out to ensure safe use.

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