

ACTIVITY - Improvised Raft Build with Poles and Barrels

MINIMUM INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATION - HLAC In-House Assessed

(Assessed by a Paddle sports Coach/UKCC level 2 with PSRC trainer with Raft Building Experience)

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INSTRUCTOR : PARTICIPANT RATIO - 1:12

Risk	Who Might Be Harmed	Measures to Minimise Risk
Manual Handling	Participants Volunteers Instructors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full safety briefing prior to start of activity. • Ensure rafts and raft components are carried in accordance with manual handling guidelines. • Close Instructor supervision at all times when building and lifting rafts. • Closed toe shoes are to be worn at all times.
Injury whilst afloat	Participants Volunteers Instructors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full safety briefing prior to start of activity including risks associated with paddle, ropes, barrels and poles. • Always ensure effective group control and supervision. • Safety craft in close range of rafts (One Safety craft : Two rafts) • All participants are to wear buoyancy aids whilst on the water. • All under 18's wear a helmet on the water. • Over 18's advised to wear a helmet, but it is their own choice not to wear one. • Closed toe shoes are to be worn at all times.
Injury whilst on land	Participants, volunteers, instructors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full safety brief to be given at start of session • Instructors must ensure effective group control and supervision at all times • All under 18s wear a helmet. • Over 18's advised to wear a helmet, but it is their own choice not to wear one. • Closed toe shoes must be worn at all times • Ensure correct manual handling is used when moving kit (2 participants to a pole, only roll barrels) • Ensure participants are informed that rafts cannot be flipped and must be built the correct way up. • Participants should be reminded to be aware of their surroundings when moving about to prevent tripping.

Entrapment	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full safety brief given prior to start of Activity. • Safety craft in close range of rafts (One Safety craft : Two rafts) • Ensure no participants are in front of the raft when carrying to and from the water.
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All staff
Raft Break Up	Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants briefed on raft break up procedure as detailed in HLAC operating procedures prior to start of activity. • Safety craft in close range (One safety craft : Two Rafts) • Instructors to prioritise getting participants back to the beach over raft build kit.
Drowning	Participants Volunteers Instructors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full safety brief given prior to activity starting. • Ensure instructors have relevant training. • Close supervision by instructor(s) at all times. • Correct clothing and buoyancy aids worn on the beach and water. • Ensure all medical requirements of participants are understood by instructors. • Ensure instructors have relevant first aid qualifications. • Safety craft only to be used for its purpose as a safety craft.
Harm from Powerboats	Participants Volunteers Instructors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All instructors driving a powerboat MUST hold an RYA Level 2 powerboat licence and take part in a HLAC specific powerboat Assessment. • Safety-boats only to be used for their purpose as safety boats and teaching platforms. • All safety-boat helms to wear kill chords at all times when the engine is running. • All safety-boats to undertake regular checks.
Medical conditions	Participants Volunteers Instructors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure all medical requirements are understood by staff • Continuous supervision by Instructors • Ensure all instructors hold a relevant first aid qualification. • At least one instructor per group to carry a working radio at all times, and completed a radio check with the Duty Manager/Senior Instructor
Injury from paddles	Participants, volunteers, instructors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full safety brief given prior to start of activities. • Helmets to be worn by all under 18s. • Over 18's advised to wear a helmet, but it is their own choice not to wear one. • Ensure effective group control and supervision. • Ensure Instructor : participant ratios are maintained.

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