

Bath Boating Station Ltd.
Director - Sarah Hardick

RISK ASSESSMENT FOR BATH BOATING STATION LTD

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Risks to Customers & Members of the Public

1. **Falling in the river off the landing stage when getting into or out of a boat.**
 - a. **There is always a member of staff on hand to assist & to give a brief talk on safety. Customers returning a boat should await assistance from a member of staff before attempting to disembark.**
 - b. **Life jackets are available for all if wanted, compulsory for children and non-swimmers.**
 - c. **Customers are not to use the landing stage unless being assisted in and out of the boat by staff. Customers are asked to stay on the grass and concrete via staff and signs.**
 - d. **Children are not allowed on the grounds without an adult present.**
 - e. **We do not allow swimming on the premises or whilst hiring our boats.**
 - f. **Signs state the landing stage is private and for customer use only. To stop other river users using the landing stage unsupervised. We do not allow any other boats to use the landing stage**
2. **The Boat Capsizing.**
 - a. **Members of staff always load each boat correctly, staff are taught how to load boats, when first joining the team, these boats are checked by a senior team member. You should stay in the seats you are advised to sit in.**
 - b. **Our website states that our booking site sizes boats based on 80kg per person. It states if you think your group will need larger boats**

contact us directly so we can arrange the best boats, so weight limits are followed.

- c. If customers wish to swap it is at their own risk, if they wish to swap, we ask them to move one at a time and low in the boat. They are also told they may come back in and ask a member of staff for assistance.
- d. Customers are told to remain in the boats at all time.

3. Falling in when standing up punting (higher risk for traditional Punting).

- a. We give lessons in punting; we do not allow non-swimmers to stand, and punt & unsuitable shoes should be removed. Staff are all aware non swimmers cannot stand and punt.
- b. We advise if people haven't done traditional putting before they sit down (if a group of 3 or more) or move to a rowboat (2 persons). As our river is deep and hard to stand and punt for the first time.
- c. For groups of 3 or more we suggest sitting down and punting, using the paddles, as this is easier and has less risk of falling in as everyone remains seated. Paddles are provided in every punt.

4. Safety on the river

- a. All our customers are told that the rule of the river is to stay on the right. All customers should photograph our rules and emergency contact number before boating as the sign states.
- b. We have a rescue boat on site, if needed.
- c. The emergency number and rules are always displayed, staff remind people to photograph and read before disembarking.
- d. All staff are confident swimmers and able rowers.

5. Boats drifting over Pulteney Weir.

- a. Customers are always told not to go beyond the first bridge downstream as there is a weir after. Our safety sign on the office warns of the danger.
- b. We ask customers to travel upstream first meaning they can master turning round without the danger of drifting down past us towards the weir. This also means, any difficulty with getting the hang of moving the boat, they can always float down to us for assistance.



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6. Motorised Passenger Craft

- a. Our company does not run these, but the Maritime Coastguard Agency strictly regulates them.**

Risks to Employees

- 1. Launching & pulling off of boats.**
Members of staff are taught how to launch & pull off safely. Keeping the boat on an even keel, never pulling alone when taking the boats off the river and to pull only at walking pace.
- 2. Use of light machinery – sanders, drills, jig saw and pressure washer.**
A brief lesson is given in using each piece of machinery. They are taught to always wear appropriate protection. First aid kits are displayed in the work shop and No 8.
- 3. Dust from sanders.**
Masks are provided. Respirator fit test done all members of staff who use sanders.
- 4. Fumes from paint & varnish.**
Masks are provided. Respirator fit test done all members of staff who use sanders.
- 5. Noise from machinery.**
Earmuffs are provided.
- 6. Skin irritation from varnish etc.**
Plastic gloves are provided.
- 7. Falling in the river.**
All members of staff must be swimmers. All are taught how to get in and out of a boat safely.