

Risk Assessments



No boats are allowed on the water when the river is at or above the “**High Water Mark**” on the landing stage steps. There will also be times when wind, weather and river conditions make boating unsafe for some crews, even if the river is below the mark.

A **risk assessment** should be carried out by one or more of the following, and their decision must be accepted:

- Captain
- Rowing Development Manager
- Coach
- Water Safety Advisor
- Other competent member

Criteria for Risk Assessments:

Crew	Experienced, Beginner, Adult, Junior.
Cox	Experienced, Beginner, Adult, Junior.
Boat	Stable (8+, 4+), Unstable (1x, 2-) Manoeuvrability – 8+ difficult, 1x easy.
Wind Direction	With stream, against stream, across stream.
River Level	Rising, falling, expected level in 1 hour.
Stream	Fast, medium, slow.
Turning	Stream pushing into bank at top, early turning needed at bottom.
Weather	Raining, dry, cold, warm, poor visibility.
Debris	None, large, small.

IF IN DOUBT, DON'T GO OUT