

## RISK ASSESSMENT GUIDELINES (Boating)

It is the responsibility of anyone boating unsupervised or anyone supervising crews to perform a RISK ASSESSMENT. This must be based on: river state (particularly the state of the Shepperton weir stream – if not too sure then go and look), experience and strength of those boating, type of boat, strength and direction of the wind, temperature of the air and water, weather (including likelihood of lightning) and visibility. If there is any doubt about the wisdom of boating - DON'T.

Only members deemed qualified to make a Risk Assessment should change the rowing state warning boards.

EA RIVER STATE	ROWING STATE	GUIDELINES
WHITE	<b>WHITE</b> Top of the pontoon level with or below the height of the bottom step.	<b>Seniors</b> with <b>CoW</b> may scull/row unsupervised. Seniors without to be supervised by person with <b>CoW</b> (in boat, in accompanying boat or on bank). <b>Juniors</b> (under 18) to be supervised by Coach/Authorised adult in same boat, or carrying throw bag either in coaching launch or on bank. J16/18s with <b>CoW</b> to be supervised by adult with <b>CoW</b> in same or accompanying boat.
YELLOW	<b>YELLOW</b> Top of the pontoon above the height of the bottom step, but water level below the bottom step.	<b>ALL</b> those boating to have passed their <b>CoC</b> . <b>Seniors &amp; Juniors:</b> as for WHITE, but only experienced members should be considered strong enough to boat safely. <b>Single scullers to carefully Risk Assess the weir pool; a minimum response should be to 'buddy' with another sculler or crew.</b>
RED	<b>RED/YELLOW</b> Water level over the bottom step.	No singles /doubles / pairs. <b>Seniors: All</b> crews to have Cert of Competency, majority to hold <b>CoW</b> . <b>No</b> J15 or younger to boat. Experienced J16/18s with <b>CoW</b> to be supervised by adult with <b>CoW</b> in boat, or by Coach carrying throw bag in accompanying launch or on bank.
RED	<b>RED</b> Water level over banking downstream of steps: lightning: fog (unable to see weirpool from steps)"	<b>NO BOATING</b>

### NB: Wind Limits – All club river states

Wind 25mph+ with gust 40mph+ = club board status lifted by one

(eg: 28/gust 42 in 'White' conditions, 'White' becomes 'Yellow')

Wind 35mph+ = club 'Red' (regardless of EA board state)