



RISK ASSESSMENT (1)

Norwich Canoe Club risk assessment for the laying of boat lanes in Great Broad at Whittlingham Country Park in Norwich.

Risk Assessment carried out on 10th February 2023

The work is being undertaken by experienced personnel using a powered boat. The lines are being laid on the bottom of the lake using weights to ensure they remain in place. Attached to the lines are marker buoys which float on the surface and denote the race lanes.

What are the hazards? (List significant hazards)	Who might be harmed?	How they might be harmed	What we are already doing? (Current Controls)	Done
Drowning	Participants	Falling overboard	Those undertaking the work are familiar with the process and are experienced	
			Appropriate PPE will be worn including warm weather clothing, suitable footwear and life jackets	
			No lone working is allowed. Two persons to operate in the boat at any time	
			Heavy weights are being lowered into the water. Personnel must avoid standing in the bight of any line when being lowered.	
			Radio or phone communications are to be maintained with Whittlingham Adventure Centre	



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Hypothermia / effects of cold	Participants	Affected by cold weather	Weather forecast to be checked prior to commencement of work	
			Appropriate cold weather clothing to be worn	
Heavy Lifting	Participants	Manual Handling injury	Two-person lift required where necessary. Boat to be loaded using two persons prior to commencement of work.	
Fire	Participants	Flash burn from petrol	Boat to be filled with petrol prior to departure – Petrol to be carried in specific fuel storage containers designed for the purpose.	
Cuts / abrasions	Participants	Cut / Abrasions / stab wound	All sharp edges are to be made safe – work must not be left un attended and if it is necessary to leave the work it must be made safe prior to being left.	
			Any waste will be disposed of safely and in appropriate waste disposal containers	
			Tools / cutters to be sharp and suitably maintained	
Crash	Participants	Impact from boat collision	Level 2 Powerboat operators' certificate to be held by at least one participant	

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ABOVE CONTROL MEASURES ADEQUATELY REDUCE THE RISKS?

YES/~~NO~~?