

Rowing Risk assessment

Possibility of accident or collision due to fog / darkness / tidal flow / wind / lack of experience or combination of these factors

Factors to be taken into consideration

Highly unlikely (1)

Tidal flow

slow—medium

Visibility

1,000 metre plus.

Wind

Slight

Crew Skill level

Competent

Unlikely (2)

Tidal Flow

Medium

Visibility

500-1,000 metre

Wind

Moderate

Crew skill level

Capable

Very likely (3)

Tidal flow/flood

Strong.

Visibility (Fog, darkness , no nav lights)

Less than 100 meters

Wind

Strong

Crew skill level

Novice / inexperienced

Tide and wind opposite creating steep wave action

Chance of Accident	Minor 1	Moderate 2	Major 3
Consequence of Accident			
Very Likely 3	3	6	9
Unlikely 2	2	4	6
Highly unlikely 1	1	2	3

Description of Consequence

Minor (1)

Capsize / Swamping

Tidal flow

Slow – medium, coaches boat in attendance

Risk of injury – low

Water temperature

mild

Moderate (2)

Water on Ramp /slippery

Collision with bridge –Slow

Swamping / capsizing in moderate tidal flow

Collision with another boat

causing mild injury

Needing treatment of casualty

Mild Hypothermia – water cold

Major (3)

Severe Hypothermia, water very cold

Heavy ice on ramp/ Slipping

Heavy collision with bridge

Severe collision with other craft

causing serious injury possibly fatal.

Drowning

1-4

Conditions acceptable to row

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Great care required, land based activity advised until conditions improve

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Do not go out on water, land based training only