



## Lochranza Field Centre Site Specific Risk Assessment: Open Canoes

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Where Hazards have been identified as Generic to all activities the controls are specified within the Generic Instructing Standards.

Where Hazards have been identified as generic to all Lochranza offsite activities the controls are specified within the Generic Lochranza Local Operating Area Risk Assessment.

Where Hazards have been identified as Generic to all Watersports activities the controls are specified within the Generic Watersports Risk Assessment.

Hazards (please specify)	Existing Control Measures (please specify if present)	Residual Risk Level (Insert values and multiple score : see key )		
		Low	Med	High
Adverse weather.	Session to be cancelled if wind is over Force 3 or there is an electrical storm. Instructors to continuously assess sea state and curtail session if they feel conditions are unsafe.	3x1 = 3		
Paddle injuries.	Guests taught to handle paddles correctly. No one is permitted to splash people using paddles.	2x2 = 4		
Weight of canoes.	Manual handling training for all staff – enforce good practice if guests help to move boats.	3x1 = 3		
Falls during balance games	Guests briefed on safe execution of balance exercises and games, Instructor vigilance to enforce correct technique.	3x2 = 6		
Being swept outside operation boundaries.	Instructor safety boat used when guests on the water.	4x1 = 4		
Wildlife. Illness and injury from Jelly Fish stings and entanglement caused by Midge Nets.	Instructors to remind guests not to disturb wildlife. Jellyfish stings: guests should rinse the area with seawater. Medical advice to be sought if stung on a large area or guest very uncomfortable or symptoms deteriorating. Prior to launching Instructor checks that no participants are wearing midge nets and advises guests that midge nets must not be worn on the water.	3x2 = 6		
Boats and Moorings. Debris washed into operating area.	Instructors to make visual assessment when approaching Loch. Instructors to make guests aware of safe passing of boats and their mooring, instructors to be positioned correctly where such hazard exists.	3x2 = 6		

(Key: 1-7 = Low Risk; 8-15 = Medium Risk; 16-25 = High Risk)

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