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# RISK ASSESSMENT

**ESTABLISHMENT: Kent Surf School**

**ASSESSMENT DATE: March 2018**

**ACTIVITY: Water sports activities - Surfing & Stand Up Paddle boarding, Bodyboarding, Kayaking tours**

**LOCATION: Viking bay Beach Broadstairs**

**COMPLETED BY: Andrew Webb**

**DATE REVIEWED: March 2018**

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**Travelling**

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| **Increased transport and human traffic** | **Participants, Spectators and staff** | **Information on beach access sent prior to event to all identified parties.**  **Junior surfers will be supervised at all times by parents/ team leaders.** | **Signs and designated parking area/ pathways clearly signposted** |

**The Contest site – Water Gala & Surf School Competitions**

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| **All areas** | **Participants, spectators & staff** | **Participants and staff to be informed and supervised where necessary** |  |
| **Stairs and stairways** | **Participants, spectators & staff** | **Areas appropriately signed** |  |
| **Generators & Electrical** | **Participants, spectators & staff** | **Qualified Electrician to set up** |  |
| **Board storage/ test area** | **Participants, spectators & staff** | **Boards are secured in surf racks** | **Extra restraints used in times of high winds or storms** |
| **BBQ area** | **Participants, spectators & staff** | **Adequate supervision, Fire extinguishers** |  |
| **Tents and Gazebos** | **Participants, spectators & staff** | **Designated areas are signed for use by staff only. Tents and Gazebos suitably fastened down** | **Extra restraints used in times of high winds or storms** |
| **Fuel storage** | **Participants, spectators & staff** | **Secure and well-ventilated area, fire extinguishers** |  |
| **Changing areas** | **Participants, spectators & staff** | **To be kept clear and personal items appropriately stored** |  |
| **Inappropriate equipment** | **Participants, spectators & staff** | **Participants & staff advised to bring and use own equipment.** |  |

**Beach Access**

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| **Pathways to and from the beach** | **Participants, spectators and staff** | **Clear signposts in use** |  |
| **Falling, slipping, tripping** | **Participants, spectators and staff** | **Staff to be informed of first aid & emergency procedures.** | **Use of recognised pathways to the beach advised** |
| **Cuts and bruises** |

**Beach Conditions**

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| **Injury in the sea caused by surfer / surfboard** | **Participants, spectators and staff** | **Participants will be supervised by staff including qualified beach lifeguards and experienced judges with First aid and emergency procedures implemented if required.** | **All staff made aware of First aid & emergency procedures** |
| **Hypothermia in or out of the sea** | **Participants, spectators and staff** | **Wetsuits and other equipment recommended for use to participants. Relatively short sessions in the sea and session will be climate dependent.** |  |
| **Being caught in rips and currents** | **Participants, spectators and staff** | **safety of the sea conditions & lifeguard supervision during contest within lessons / contest areas** |  |
| **Drowning** | **Participants, spectators and staff** | **Participants advised to use leashes and lifeguard supervision during lessons/contest within lesson/contest areas** |  |
| **Rocks** | **Participants, spectators and staff** | **Lessons/Contest area located with rock formations considered.** |  |
| **Stings from sea creatures** | **Participants, spectators and staff** | **Very low risk, surfers have option of wearing boots surfers will have stated if they are allergic on their consent forms.**  **Anaphylactic shock – Lifeguards available for assistance, mobile phone with first aid kit for emergencies.** | **Lifeguards to administer first aid** |
| **Weather conditions** | **Participants, spectators and staff** | **Dangers associated with high winds, hail, lightening, snow, large swell and rain etc.** | **Check weather report before. Make suitable beach selection else postpone event.** |

**Location Specific: Viking bay, Broadstairs**

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| **Rocks at northern, southern & middle (high tide only) areas of the beach** | **Participants, spectators and staff** | **Lesson/Contest area located with rock formations considered. Lifeguards and staff to monitor conditions.** | **Monitor throughout the lesson/contest for deteriorating conditions** |
| **Other beach users** | **Participants, spectators and staff** | **Monitoring & appropriate control of lesson/contest area. Participants made aware of other beach users and beach users made aware of participants.** |  |
| **Weather/ocean conditions** | **Participants, spectators and staff** | **Staff to maintain awareness of changing weather conditions and proceed or cancel lesson/contest as necessary** | **Pre-check weather conditions and monitor forecasts.** |
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| **Fishing lines** | **Participants, spectators and staff** | **Monitor all participants warn them of the dangers and take them away from any areas that present that danger.** | **Monitor throughout the lesson.** |
| **Surf boards**  **Stand Up paddleboards**  **Bodyboards**  **Kayaks** | **Participants, spectators and staff** | **Monitoring & appropriate control of lesson/contest area. Participants made aware of other surfers and users of the water** | **Monitor throughout the lesson.** |
| **Behavioural** | **Participants, spectators and staff** | **Staff to maintain awareness of behaviours that could cause injury to others and proceed/postpone or cancel lesson/contest as necessary, to get everyone out of the water.** | **Monitor throughout the lesson.**  **Follow Surfing England H&S** |
| **Individuals**  **Kids Academy**  **Schools**  **Youth clubs** |