

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. Those making the risk assessment MUST sign their crew out in the Boating Log Book.

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

RIVER STATE (EA boards)	ROWING STATE	GUIDELINES
WHITE	WHITE Top of the pontoon level with or below the height of the concrete.	Seniors with Certificate of Watermanship (CoW) may scull/row unsupervised.; others must be supervised by person with CoW (in boat, in accompanying boat or on bank) or by Club Coach Juniors (under 18) to be supervised by Coach/Authorised adult in same boat, or carrying throw bag either in coaching launch or on bank.
YELLOW	YELLOW Top of the pontoon above the concrete, but water level below the concrete. No more than 2 central sluices open on Shepperton weir (Flow rate likely to be <130m ³ /s at Walton)	ALL those boating to have passed their Certificate of Competency (CoC) Cox or steersman to hold CoW even if supervised. Seniors & Juniors: as for WHITE, but only experienced members should be considered strong enough to boat safely. J16/18s with CoW may boat supervised by adult with CoW in same or accompanying boat. Single scullers especially to carefully Risk Assess the weir pool; a minimum response should be to 'buddy' with another sculler or crew
YELLOW	RED/YELLOW Water level below the concrete. More than two central sluices open on Shepperton weir. (Flow rate likely to be >130m ³ /s at Walton)	All restrictions as for yellow above. Also no juniors may boat.
RED	RED Water level over concrete. lightning: fog (unable to see weirpool from steps)"	NO BOATING

NB: Wind Limits – All club rowing 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)