



## Risk Assessment

### Great Tyne Row - 20 September 2014

### Supplementary Risk Assessment for dragon boat entry

**17-09-14**

The organisers of the Great Tyne Row (GTR) have received an entry for a dragon boat, to be rowed by 16 people (tbc) on board. This is outside the scope of the original entry criteria and thus not covered specifically in the safety plan in the light of the event risk assessment.

#### **Potential concerns**

Untried boat-type in terms of GTR experience.

Crew experience and suitability of boat for rough water not known on receipt of initial query about entry.

Number in boat much larger than any other entrants.

#### **Assurances received**

Boat buoyant - will not sink.

Crew all wear life jackets and can stay with boat safely if needed to be taken to safety part crew at a time.

Well established drill for emergencies.

Majority of crew very experienced and have paddled on rough water.

#### **Specific measures to minimise risk**

Crew off first to minimise risk of being left behind by other crews and to allow maximum attention of safety craft.

Organisers will confirm with crew captain (as with all boats) before the start that they are happy with conditions, including wind and possible rough water.

Launch drivers will be asked to monitor progress closely and ask for confirmation from crew captain that they are coping.

Specific confirmation to be sought at Newcastle city centre or just before about progress, so that good emergency access point can be used if necessary.

In the light of the above assessment of risk and mitigating assurances and actions, the GTR organisers consider that it is at a tolerable level.

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