

KGS VBC Water Safety Log

Date and time	Conditions risk assessment					Boards	Number of rowers present	Decision Comments / Boats used for the outing	WSO initials (see Guidance note 1 below)
	Visibility	Wind	Stream	Water Temp	Other factors				

Key:	
Visibility (1m above water)	Good = 0 Moderate (Hampton Court Palace is visible) = 2, Poor (HCP not visible) = 3, Very poor (opposite bank not visible) = 4 Note: Night rowing = 2 (minimum)
Wind	None = 0, Light = 1, Moderate = 2, Strong = 3, Very Strong or squally = 4
Stream	Neglible = 0 (<15m ³ /sec), Light = 1 (15-40m ³ /sec), Moderate (40-80m ³ /sec) = 3, Strong (80-140m ³ /sec) = 4 (>140m ³ /sec)
Water Temp	Above 15°C = 0, Between 5-15°C = 2, Below 5°C = 4
Other factors	No factor = 0, Thick ice (5mm or more) = 4, Electrical storm = 4, Wild card (any combination of other factors, such as Red Boards, that in the opinion of the WSOs should add a score of 4 to the total)
Boards	No Boards = N , Yellow Decreasing = YD , Yellow Increasing = YI , Red Boards = R (No rowing)

WSO Guidance:

- 1) If conditions are good and there are no major factors a single WSO can complete the log for the outing. If there are significant factors to assess then all WSOs present will together evaluate the river conditions using this risk assessment form and decide whether or not an outing is to take place. A minimum of two WSOs are needed and unanimity is required.
- 2) The Water Safety Log and Risk Assessment form will be completed by one of the WSOs but will be initialled by a second.
- 3) Scoring - If any factors score 3 or more then steering/coxing should be restricted to experienced crews only. If any factors score 4 then consideration is needed whether to restrict or cancel the session. Restrictions can include boats used, length of outing, or whether to stay between bridges.