

8.1 Safety Assessment



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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Complete the Safety Assessment after you have carefully read the Safety Manual. Return your completed assessment to the Safety Director for scoring. All answers must be correct to pass the assessment.*

1. Anyone injured during a rowing activity or on the boathouse grounds will report the injury to:

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2. **True or False:** You may row before dawn or after dusk as long as you have a coach in a launch.

3. You may not row in a thunderstorm or if a severe thunderstorm warning exists for the immediate area. If a watch or warning exists in the region but outside the immediate vicinity, what should you do?

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4. Boats will not launch in high wind conditions, defined as causing whitecaps on the water. If such conditions are encountered while on the water, what should you do?

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5. How many yards of visibility should you have in foggy conditions? \_\_\_\_\_

6. When the water temperature is below 50 degrees, the risk of hypothermia increases significantly. For that reason, the boathouse is usually closed from December until March. However, with the Safety Director's approval, very experienced rowers may row with a coach and in a boat with \_\_\_\_\_ oars.

7. **True or False:** The barge always has the right of way.

8. When encountering an approaching barge, rowers will stop and move as close to the river bank as is safe, leaving some room to absorb the anticipated wake. Acknowledge the barge's presence with

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9. In the worst-case scenario and a collision would appear possible, what should you do?

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10. How should you cope with wake from a barge or boat? **Parallel or straight on?** (Circle one)

11. While navigating the Licking, barges may sound their whistle to warn as we approach. That is more than just a warning. It is a signal. What does one prolonged blast mean?

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12. What does 4 or more short blasts mean?

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13. The rowing club maintains a VHF radio in the boathouse for communication with river traffic. Just prior to launching, you must radio possible traffic of your intentions to launch. After you have made your call out using the instructions in the Safety Manual, if you get no response, may you assume the river is clear? **Yes or No**

14. All shells will launch **downstream or upstream (circle one)** and travel a minimum of \_\_\_\_\_ yards to establish clearance from any traffic.

15. **True or False.** The Licking is a pristine river, and we need not be concerned about keeping Tetanus and Hepatitis shots current. Additionally, Licking River water is good for washing wounds and blisters.