



Coaching Remits –Leading Regular Sunday Sessions

Based on British Canoeing Environmental Definitions & Deployment Guidance for Instructors, Coaches & Leaders and [Paddle UK Guidance for Deployers](#), Coaches and Leaders operating on the Thames Tideway V1.1 with specific regards to the Thames operating area – Teddington Lock to Westminster Bridge.

The considerations determining the definition of remit, under the above definitions, within this area are:

Flow (fluvial flow and tide), Wind and Tide.

We assess our operating area to be Sheltered Inland Water (under the above environmental definitions) when:

- All participants can paddle against the flow upstream and downstream
- Black or Green flag for fluvial flow See PLA tidal Thames app or [Boating on the Thames](#) for live details
- Wind is Beaufort 3 or less

On this basis the following minimum qualifications are required to lead a paddle

Paddle Sport UK Coaching/Leader/Instructor Qualification	Paddler Remit	Other Conditions
BCU Level 2 Coach	1-8	1-6 for canoes or if one student is in a canoe
BC (UKCC) Level 1 Coach (completed before 1/1/2019)	1-8	1-6 for canoes or if one student is in a canoe
Paddle Sport Leader	1-8	1-6 for canoes or if one student is in a canoe
Paddle Sport Touring Leader	1-8	1-6 for canoes or if one student is in a canoe
BCAB Paddle Sport Instructor	1-6	Only in presence of more senior coach or leader.
BCU Level 1 Coach	1-6	Only in presence of more senior coach or leader.

In addition to the above all Leaders must have completed the CPCC deployment framework, i.e,

- Paddle UK Membership, Awards, Qualifications and Training verification (including safeguarding training and DBS)
- Site Specific Training complete
- First Aid (water based 2 Days), in date
- Observed leading on the Thames displaying appropriate skills and decision making in a variety of conditions, under another lead coach.
- Completed a Personal Paddling Risk Assessment to demonstrate competence leading in Thames conditions
- Approved (*Signed off*) as competent to lead by the Club Committee

The completion of the above enables the Club to have confidence in the Leader's capability and meet Club insurance requirements. The Club fully supports leaders operating within these deployment guidelines.

The final assessment of the suitability of conditions is always down to the Leader on the day and they must decide who is suitable to take out.

A Yellow flag indicates the conditions are likely to exceed sheltered water conditions (especially on the ebb tide). If conditions exceed Sheltered Water due to flow or because Wind is Beaufort 4, then the Leader must only operate based on completion of personal risk assessment that identifies local skills/knowledge gained and maintained through continued professional development certified by the club executive committee. This could include achieving moderate water qualification (personal skills, leading or coaching), additional rescue or skills training on the Thames, and active paddling on the Thames in a variety of conditions.

The club policy is not to take people onto the water when they cannot paddle against the flow or there is a PLA Red Flag in operation.