



Maldon Canoe Club

Safety Officer

The Safety Officer is a key role within any paddling club. The role requires a range of skills; from making sure that club policies are reflected in good operational practice, to managing the process to record and assess trends in club near miss and incident reports, through to employing diplomacy skills to ensure that all members understand their responsibility in creating a secure and welcoming environment within the club.

The Safety Officer should have a good knowledge of the club and has a responsibility for ensuring that the committee understands its role and responsibility in creating structures to assess risk and meeting the club's duty of care.

Clubs are encouraged to have a Club Development Plan, outlining actions the club is taking to improve the opportunities available to members. It is usually the role of the Club Safety Officer to drive and implement the actions around safety within the Club Development Plan.

As a figurehead for the club, the Club Safety Officer is likely to play a leading role in Training Club Volunteers to understand how the club manages safety and how their systems work.