

Safety & Governance Subgroup Meeting Notes

Sup Hub Meeting - 22 May

Attendees:

- **John Saunders, NCI**
- **Chris Leaman, Bay Photonics**
- **Rachel Mayhew-Edwards, Reach Outdoors**
- **Crispin Jones, Waterborn**

The primary goal of this safety subgroup meeting was to highlight key safety concerns and suggestions which will be integrated into events and stand-up paddleboarding (SUP) messaging targeting holidaymakers.

Discussion Topics:

Safety Considerations for SUP Events:

- **Insurance:**

Who needs insurance?

How much insurance is required?

Number of participants involved?

- **Participant Requirements:**

Minimum experience levels.

Safety kit requirements.

Entry requirements for different events.

- **Organisational Involvement:**

RNLI, Coast Guard and NCI involvement.

- **Participant Information:**

Introduction of paddle tracker apps (Paddle Logger, Paddle Paddle, Water Sports Tracker) using GPS.

Discussion on exit and egress points throughout the course. NB Should these also go onto the SUP HUB map?

Alternate Weather plans (Plan A, Plan B, Plan C).

- **Event Logistics and Safety Measures:**

Number of entrants and suitable safety cover.

Disclaimers of competence versus liability.

Sign-in and sign-out procedures.

Compulsory use of buoyancy aids and their attachment (e.g., to the waist).

Messaging for trackers and costings (phone app or watch link).

Risk assessments before any events.

- **Additional Safety Coverage and Resources:**

Water safety cover team recommendation: Coast to Coast Water Safety.

Promotion of webcams at NCI stations and elsewhere.

Adventure cruises by Torbay SUP

Inspiration from Newquay Surf and Pembroke Cliff Climbs

- **Other considerations / observations to increase SUP Culture for the market**

Capturing the UK and world market for SUP in the English Riviera.

Recycling and donation points for lower-end board packages.

Retail offer for a board repair store.

Promoting SUP locations via social media and learning channels.

Unified merch - branded products for retailers, cafes, and water sports centres (phone pouches, clothing, etc.).

Event packages including accommodation, food, and other activities to create a full holiday experience.

- **Action Items:**

- Develop a list of minimum experience levels and safety kit requirements.
- Reach out to RNLI, Coast Guard, and NCI for involvement.
- Establish a process for collecting participant medical forms and emergency contacts.
- Explore the implementation of paddle tracker apps and their integration into event safety plans.
- Define the number of entrants and determine appropriate safety cover.
- Clarify disclaimers of competence versus liability.
- Draft a sign-in and sign-out procedure for participants.
- Discuss messaging and costs for safety management tools.
- Conduct risk assessments for upcoming events.
- Coordinate with the SUP HUB sustainability working group on recycling and donation points.
- Develop branded products and event packages for marketing.

Next Meeting:

- **Date:** 18 June
- **Time:** Evening (to accommodate those who cannot attend daytime meetings)