Peter Oakley
Chair
Open Canoe Sailing Group

13th August 2026

Subject: Paddle UK Recognition of Assessment of canoe sailing competence

Dear Peter, Committee , and Members of the Open Canoe Sailing Group,

Following recent discussions, this letter confirms Paddle UK's position in relation to the assessment of sailing competance.

Paddle UK formally recognisese the approach proposed by the committee in the document Assessment of canoe sailing competence - Shared with Paddle UK July 31st 2026.

Accordingly, and subject at all times to the terms, conditions, exclusions, and limits of the relevant policy or policies in force, Paddle UK confirms that participation assessment of canoe sailing competence is within the scope of Paddle UK's Public Liability Insurance arrangements.
For the avoidance of doubt, where an individual is acting in a properly appointed Assessor capacity, and mets the requirements of the Assessment of canoe sailing competence document applicable to that role, such activity would also fall within the scope of Paddle UK's Professional Indemnity insurance arrangements, again subject to the terms, conditions, exclusions, and limits of the relevant policy or policies in force.

This confirmation reflects Paddle UK's recognition that some OCSG competency requirements do not sit neatly within traditional paddlesport qualification or award structures, but are nonetheless valid and essential to support the Open Canoe Sailing Group to manage 'collaborative activity' as an affiliated Club.

This letter is intended to provide confirmation of Paddle UK's position contingent upon OCSG following the Assessment of canoe sailing competence document as presented and providing Paddle UK with an opportunity to comments on and consider any amendments prior to them being enacted.

Yours sincerely,

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