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Whaler Rowing - Sandancer

INTRODUCTION

The centre has a 16-person 7.5m Whaler-type boat called Sandancer. She has 12 rowing positions and an outboard engine. This activity involves considerable teamwork but has great potential for journeying and combining with self-led homing walks.

VENUE

Coniston Water is the normal venue

Any other venue to be approved by Head of Centre or deputy.

STAFFING

- Ratio: The normal instructor/student ratio.
- Instructor to hold RYA Powerboat Level 2 and have received boat-specific training.

EQUIPMENT

- All participants to wear Buoyancy Aid
- Boarding ladder to be available on boat.
- Instructor to have means of communication e.g. Mobile Phone or VHF Radio

OPERATING CONSIDERATIONS

- Consideration should be given to size and strength of students in the choice of rowing positions and numbers of oars to be used. Consider option of using SUP/Canoe paddles
- Care is needed in the handling of oars, particularly with smaller students.
- Landing should only be by use of jetties. Beaching the boat is not allowed except in emergency. If intending to land (eg at Piel Island) a suitable tender (eg canoe or paddleboard) must be taken.
- Arrival and departure from the jetty should be under engine power to avoid damage to oars. (This may be varied in very calm conditions).
- Mooring clip to be backed up with rope at end of session.