

Spotters - bank

NB There is a separate description for spotting from paddleboards and kayaks.

Spotters play an important role in observation of swimmers and alerting safety personnel to issues. They are not involved in rescues unless qualified to be and agreed with the session manager. They are responsible for the following:

Pre-session:

- Ensuring they have had and understood a pre-session safety briefing and are clear about what their duties are
- Ensuring they have read and understood Normal Operating Procedure, Emergency Action Plan and Risk Assessment
- Ensuring they understand how to operate radios and communicate in case of concerns or emergencies
- Assisting with set up of check-in area and lake entry/exit point

During session:

- Monitoring swimmers for signs of difficulty, distress or cold, paying particular attention to those using tow floats who may be more vulnerable (children, anxious swimmers and those swimming without wetsuits will all be required to use tow floats)
- Focussing their supervision on areas which are within their field of vision but not that of other personnel (see zones on map)
- Ensuring that they communicate with other safety personnel if they need to deal with anything which will distract them from their duty of watching swimmers. They must not leave their duty unless someone else can cover them.

After session:

- Returning radios and any safety equipment belonging to Do3
- Reporting any incidents, issues or concerns to the session manager

Please note:

- Staff may not use mobile phones when on safety duty except if required to call for emergency assistance
- Staff must present a positive image of Do3 at all times in their behaviour and language
- Staff must wear clothing suitable for their role and the weather conditions, and present a smart image
- Fluorescent jackets will be provided for safety personnel which must be worn at all times when they are on duty
- Radio channels are to be kept clear in case of an emergency rather than being used for general chat