



The instructors incorrectly assessed their students' water and map reading abilities and failed to consider the potential results should the students miss the scouting eddy for Eye of the Needle. Their original management plan would have worked fine had a third instructor been paired with one of the Leaders-of-the-Day (LOD). Instead of restructuring their management plan to error on the side of caution after "losing" the third instructor, they elected to prioritizing their students "final experience" over safety. Had they paired each of the leaders-of-the-day with an instructor, the lead paddle cat would not have missed the scouting eddy and the incident averted.

