



Safety Plan 2011

Regatta Safety:

This Safety Plan has been formulated to enable the Wallingford Regatta Organising Committee's responsibilities to be met, taking due account of advice from British Rowing, the Dorney Regatta Centre, the Environment Agency and other interested parties such as the Thames Valley Police and the Royal Berkshire Ambulance Service.

The 2000 m course layout in regard to lanes in use for racing, and circulation patterns for other lanes has been inspected and agreed by Dorney Lake Services Ltd.

Regatta Safety Adviser:

The Regatta Organising Committee has appointed **Ted Bowler** as Regatta Safety Adviser. He is a full member of the organising committee and has produced this document and the updated 2011 Regatta risk assessment.

Regatta Race Committee:

A Race Committee of three licenced umpires (names to be published on the day) chaired by **Richard Packer** will undertake the duties detailed in British Rowing Rules of Racing 2-1-3 and 2-1-4: in particular they will decide if weather conditions are too dangerous to permit racing to continue.

Row Safe: A Guide to Good Practice in Rowing

It is compulsory that all crews attending Wallingford Regatta comply fully with British Rowing's current rules of racing in regard to safety (rules 2-2-1 to 2-2-5 inclusive) and all aspects of Row Safe.

All club / crew coaches are to ensure that their crews are correctly briefed on Row Safe in particular in relation to capsize procedures for scullers.

Control Commission Umpires, under Rule 2-3-8, will randomly inspect boats for compliance with the requirements of Row Safe and the Rules of Racing.

Off Water Safety Cover:

Dr James Wilson-Macdonald & Dr Helen Casey have agreed to act as Honorary Regatta Medical Officers on rotation during the day. First Aid facilities are provided by **Inter County Ambulance & Paramedic Services** with staff and facilities close to both the enclosure and the boating area.

On Water Safety Cover:

Brent Lifeguards are in attendance with 4 fully equipped safety boats (2 in the main lake and 2 in the warm-up lake near the bridges) and they are provided with radios on the Regatta's network. Additional safety equipment as specified by Row Safe will be carried by each Umpire's launch.

Accidents and Emergencies:

The Regatta has a network of radios spread along the course. Any Regatta official observing a safety related incident must report it immediately by the nearest available radio link to the Safety Adviser, failing that to Race Control. The Safety Adviser or Race Control may assume control of the incident or delegate to the on site Official. Radio silence may be called for except from those involved in dealing with the incident to allow summoning of additional help if required. Racing may be suspended if an incident has occurred anywhere on the course. The Safety Adviser or Race Control will also initiate any "999" call by mobile phone should the incident require assistance beyond the scope of that available on the Regatta site. All radio users will be advised when conditions return to normal. **All coaches and crews should ensure that they are familiar with the Risk Assessments and actions that they may be required to take.**

Regatta Incidents:

A Regatta Incident Book is held by the Regatta Duty Controller in the Committee tent. All safety-related incidents, including "near misses" must be recorded in this book.

Distribution of Data:

All competing clubs, Umpires and Race Officials will receive a copy of this Safety Plan, a set of Competitor's Instructions, in addition to these documents being available on this website. Umpires, Launch drivers and Safety Crews will receive a race day umpire rota, which includes all Umpire mobile phone numbers, radio protocol sheet and any other relevant information prior to the event.