



The Junior Sculling Regatta at Dorney Lake

Sunday 14th May 2017

Promoted under British Rowing's Rules of Racing

Safety Plan

1. This plan must be **read by every person** taking part in the event, whether they are competitors, coaches, organisers, marshals, umpires or safety personnel.
2. This plan must be read in conjunction with the **Instructions to Competitors** issued to all competitors and the standards of practice set out in the **British Rowing's Row Safe: A Guide to Good Practice in Rowing ("Row Safe")** .
3. In the event of bad weather the safety adviser shall consult with as many as possible of the organising committee and then decide whether it is safe to proceed or not. If boats are on the water when the event is stopped then all rafts shall be cleared, and boats shall be disembarked as quickly as possible using all rafts. Boats on the course shall turn into lanes 1 to 3 and proceed to the finish as quickly as safely possible. Crews must not proceed towards the boating area in any other lane.
4. All Competitors must follow the instructions of Umpires and Marshals.
5. It is the responsibility of all crews to ensure that their boats comply with the requirements set out in "Row Safe" and in particular the requirements concerning heel restraints, bow safety balls, watertight hatches and / or bungs, and cox's lifejackets. These may be checked by the Control Commission, or by the landing stage marshals. Such checks do not constitute any statement that the boat is safe to use. They are purely precautionary partial audits to monitor the crews' duty of care to boat in a compliant craft.
6. There are five rescue boats – 3 on the main lake, 2 in the return lake. These will be positioned so that they can respond to incidents either during the race or in the passage to the start. Revised positions will be adopted if alternative circulation systems are put in place.
7. The majority of the marshalling be done from the bank. Umpiring will be from launches. All personnel will be equipped with loudhailers, radios and throw lines.
8. An ambulance will be stationed by the Boathouse.
9. A First Aid Box is available in the boathouse.
10. Radios will be provided to all Umpires, Marshals, and safety boats, with a Base station located in the boathouse, which will house registration and Race control. A list of mobile telephone numbers will also be provided as back-up.
11. In the event of any capsize or any other waterborne accident, the nearest available competitors should stop immediately, render assistance and warn oncoming crews to keep clear.



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12. Persons injured on the water should be taken by rescue launch directly to the landing stages and directly to the Ambulance Unit, having warned them by radio, if possible.
13. Persons suffering an injury on land should be taken immediately to the Ambulance Unit adjacent to the boathouse.
14. Should transfer to hospital be required, this will be done from the Ambulance station, to Wexham Park Hospital.

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