



HENLEY TOWN & VISITORS' REGATTA

3rd August 2019

SAFETY INFORMATION

SAFETY STATEMENT

The Regatta is held under the British Rowing Rules of Racing and follows RowSafe guidelines. We expect competitors to accept their responsibility for their own safety and welfare under the terms of the Rules of Racing and of RowSafe.

The Safety Adviser and the Chairman of the Race Committee, in consultation with the Environment Agency representative where appropriate, will monitor weather and water conditions immediately before and during the Regatta. If they conclude that the conditions may jeopardise the safe running of the Regatta and in particular the safety of participants, they will suspend racing in total or by class of event, until such time as conditions are considered safe.

Water-borne activities will be monitored during the hours of racing. Two rescue boats manned by trained personnel will be provided: one boat covers the downstream end of the course and the start area, the other the upstream end of the course and the boating area.

Additional safety provision will be provided by the umpire launches. Umpires will monitor activity on the water whilst proceeding to the start, and whilst waiting below the start for their next race.

The umpire launches, rescue boats and Regatta Control are on a common radio network. The Start and Crew Marshals have a separate radio link with Regatta Control.

An umpire's first responsibility is safety and if a competitor suffers an accident in a race, the Race Umpire will render immediate assistance. They will inform Regatta Control, and summon the nearest rescue boat, by radio.

During the hours of racing there will be a first aid team on site, who can be contacted via Regatta Control.

The Regatta does not provide safety cover prior to boats going afloat before the first race, or after the last race of the day. Crews proceeding above the boating area or below the start do so at their own risk.

In the event of lightning, crews will be stopped from going afloat, and marshals and umpires shall assist crews already on the water to reach the nearest safe landing point.

INCIDENT PROCEDURE

In the case of an incident in a race, the Race Umpire will immediately advise Regatta Control and the rescue boats, giving location, severity and numbers involved. The Umpire, Driver and Timekeeper will give immediate assistance as necessary. The nearest rescue boat will attend any incident on the racing course.

In the case of other waterborne incidents the first craft to reach the situation (rescue boat or umpire launch) will assume control and advise Regatta Control on the location, severity and numbers involved, and summon assistance if necessary.

If medical attention is required, the Umpire or rescue boat crew will advise Regatta Control. Casualties will be brought to the landing stages in the boating area for immediate access to first aid personnel.

Regatta Control will additionally advise the Start if racing is to be suspended because of an incident on the course. Regatta Control will declare when the incident clear and authorise resumption of racing.

Accidents on the land should be directed to the first aid team in the enclosure.

Telephone numbers of Emergency Services and external 'Emergency Only' telephone links are located at Regatta Control at the Finish.

Incident reports (using standard British Rowing forms) are to be completed by officials and parties involved for any incident, however minor it appears to be. Accident reports should be completed, where possible, by a member of the first aid team. All such reports should be handed to Regatta Control at the Finish.