

Appendix G:Safety Plan 8.6.18

Marlow Regatta complies with the **British Rowing's Row Safe: a guide to good practice in rowing**. Competitors and Officials must comply with this guide at all times. These notes are distributed to, and must be read by, every person taking part in the event, whether they be competitors, coaches, organisers, marshals, umpires or safety personnel.

Two Safety Advisers have been appointed, one each for activities on land and water.

The Two **Paramedic Units** will be in attendance, positioned near the Enclosure and Boathouse. During 2K racing on Saturday, three safety boats will be positioned along the length of the course, a further two positioned in the warm-up lake & one on full duty rotation. No practising is allowed on the Lake, before, during, or after racing.

In the event of an incident, the casualty should be taken to a **Paramedic** unit, or their aid should be sought by the fastest route. All Officials will have radios. Officials will always be on duty in the Finish Tower, acting as Timekeepers along the course, in the Registration Tent in the Competitors area, but at times direct contact may be quicker.

In the case of a **waterborne** incident, every Official will know that it is their first duty to react to a safety issue. Crews must also place the safety of their own members and those of other crews at the top of their priority list. The Safety Boats must be alerted by voice, waving, loud hailer and/or radio and racing stopped until the incident is cleared. Race control is the central command point. Casualties should be brought to the disembarkation raft, where Paramedics will be waiting. In extreme cases, the Paramedic ambulance may take casualties to Wexham Park Hospital, Post Code: SL2 4HL, Tel. 01753 633000 or an Ambulance summoned.

In the event of very bad water conditions, the Race Committee (including Safety Adviser) will meet to decide on the suspension of racing, whereupon the Suspend Racing Procedure will be enacted. (see below)

In the event of all serious incidents, the Safety Advisers and/or Regatta Chairman must be kept informed. If necessary, they will take control. All Key Officials will have Radios. Nevertheless, telephone numbers are:-

The appointed Safety Advisers are:

Land : Mr C.A.Hill 07780456976

Water: Mr. M.W.C. Densley 07969861721

The emergency phone number is: 999

Police URN reference number to be mentioned if calling police is **To be allocated**

Suspension of racing

If at any time the Race Committee decides that it is unsafe to continue racing then they may instigate a time-trial to determine a range of outcomes such as overall winners or those who may proceed to further rounds in their event. They may also decide to remove certain age groups, types of boat or classes in the interests of safety. If the conditions are deemed to be too unsafe then the following procedure will be followed.

1. Radio messages will be sent to all officials, saying that racing is to be suspended, and to await further instructions.
2. All radios to be switched to channel 4, the emergency channel
3. No further crews will be allowed to boat, and all rafts cleared to receive crews.
4. Race committee Chairman will announce, by radio, which lanes are to be used to return crews to the pontoons. This will depend upon the prevailing conditions.
5. All umpire boats and safety boats to remain where they are to monitor / assist crews returning to pontoons. At least one boat should move to the 1,000m position.
6. Crews already at the start, or in the return lane beyond the 1,000m point will enter the course and return (at a paddle), to the pontoons using the designated lane(s).
7. Crews between the entrance to the return lane and the 1,000m point, will enter the course at this point, under control from the Marshal and return to the pontoons by the designated lane, taking care to avoid crews returning from the start, by giving way.
8. Umpire and safety boats, will follow last crews, (or any in trouble) back to pontoons.