

Risk Assessment – Water Safety

Sudbury Rowing Regatta 1 August 2015

Date of risk assessment: 26 June 2015

Location: Friars Meadow Sudbury Assessor's name: Keith Paxman

Description of hazard	Who might be harmed?	Description of what is already being done to deal with the hazard and what is required	Risk Rating (High / Medium / Low)	Person(s) responsible for implementing actions
Launching and landing competing boats – risk of handling incidents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competitors • Marshals • Public 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat trailers located close to landing stages • Landing stages constructed to give safe water access from meadow • Boating Marshal in control of movements 	Low	Boat Marshal
Unsafe condition of equipment leading to hazard of drowning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competitors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsibility for clubs and athletes to check condition of equipment as per Row Safe Guidance (buoyancy, bow balls, heel restraints, life jackets) • Further checks carried out on boating by Umpires and marshals 	Low	Competing Clubs and competitors Boat Marshal Umpire
Boats assemble for Divisions – risk of collision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assembling boats • Competing boats 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boats assemble upstream of finish under Boat Marshal control • Boats instructed to not proceed downstream until the final race of each division is complete • Division boats assemble downstream of the start under Start Marshal direction 	Low	Boat Marshal Start Marshal
Movement of boats – risk of collision and capsize	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competitors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competing boats assemble and proceed to start as a Division • Each race is separately started and observed by Umpires on the course • Competitors are segregated by buoyed lanes • Radio communication between finish, start, safety boat and course Umpires • Safety boat in attendance • Automatic engine cut-outs on safety boat • Provision and use of buoyancy aids by rescue boat users and coxes • First Aid is provided on site • Throw lines available to Umpires • If swans are a problem in the race area racing will be suspended and the swans moved clear 	Low	Boat Marshal Start Marshal Course Umpires

Other river users – conflict or collision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other users • Competitors • Safety boat crews 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Angling Club, Stour Trust, Canoe Club, Sea Scouts advised of Regatta date • Canoes, kayaks or other boats controlled during Divisions 	Low	Regatta Secretary Boat Marshal Start Marshal Umpires
Individual becomes unwell whilst on water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competitors • Stake Boat Juniors • Safety Boat Crew 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety boat on hand to access individual • Umpires and Start and Finish provided with radio communication • Stake boat Juniors and safety boat crew provided with food and drink, appropriately clothed, protected from the sun and rotated • First Aid on site 	Low	Start Marshal Finish Marshal Umpires
Umpires – heat and rain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Umpires 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of gazebos for weather protection • Provision of water and refreshments 	Low	Regatta Secretary
Thunderstorms High Wind Heavy Rain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competitors on the water • Spectators 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suspension of event as weather approaches by Race Control and Umpire decision until it has cleared 	Low	Race Control Regatta Secretary Safety Adviser Umpires

Public - adjacent to river bank	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life rings and throw-lines sited along Friars Meadow • Observation of meadow from Regatta Finish point • Radio communication with safety launch • First Aid in attendance 	Low	Race Control Regatta Secretary Safety Adviser Umpires
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