

Risk Assessment – Water Safety

Sudbury Rowing Regatta: 6 August 2016

Date of risk assessment: 7 June 2016

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
Launching competing boats – boat check	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competitors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A sample of boats are checked to ensure they are in a safe condition (buoyancy, bow balls, heel restraints). It remains the responsibility of the crew to ensure that their boat is safe to use. 	Low	Boat Marshal Umpire Competitors
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 Circulation pattern provided to ensure separation of crews heading in opposite directions 	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	<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	Chair of Race Committee 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	Chair of Race Committee Race Control Regatta Secretary Safety Adviser Umpires
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