

# Risk Assessment – Water Safety

Sudbury Rowing Regatta: 4<sup>th</sup> August 2018

Date of risk assessment: 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Location: Friars Meadow Sudbury Assessor's name: Pete Donovan

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
<b>Launching and landing competing boats – risk of handling incidents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Competitors</li> <li>Marshals</li> <li>Public</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Boat trailers located close to landing stages</li> <li>Landing stages constructed to give safe water access from meadow</li> <li>Landing stages can be slippery when wet – exercise caution and inform competitors</li> <li>Boating Marshal in control of movements</li> </ul>	Low	Boat Marshal
<b>Launching competing boats – boat check</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Competitors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	Low	Boat Marshal Umpire Competitors
<b>Boats assemble for Divisions – risk of collision</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assembling boats</li> <li>Competing boats</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Boats assemble upstream of finish under Boat Marshal control</li> <li>Boats instructed to not proceed downstream until the final race of each division is complete</li> <li>Division boats assemble downstream of the start under Start Marshal direction</li> <li>Circulation pattern provided to ensure separation of crews heading in opposite directions</li> </ul>	Low	Boat Marshal Start Marshal
<b>Movement of boats – risk of collision and capsize</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Competitors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Competing boats assemble and proceed to start as a Division</li> <li>Each race is separately started and observed by Umpires on the course</li> <li>Competitors are segregated by buoyed lanes</li> <li>Radio communication between finish, start, safety boat and course Umpires</li> <li>Safety boat in attendance</li> <li>Automatic engine cut-outs on safety boat</li> <li>Provision and use of buoyancy aids by rescue boat users and coxes</li> <li>First Aid is provided on site</li> <li>Throw lines available to Umpires</li> <li>If swans are a problem in the race area racing will be suspended and the swans moved clear</li> </ul>	Low	Boat Marshal Start Marshal Course Umpires

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

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