

RISK ASSESSMENT CHRIST CHURCH REGATTA 2021

Hazards RIVER	Resulting Risks	Persons Affected	Controls in place to reduce risks	Persons responsible for ensuring controls in place
Collision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Speared by sharp bows 2. Struck by blades 3. Being knocked unconscious 4. Skeletal injuries 5. Immersion 6. Drowning 	<p>Other river users & Crew members</p>	<p>Rubber balls on bows</p> <p>All boats have a OURCs registered Cox, who have attended the pre-event briefing if they are either novice or new to the event.</p> <p>Circulation pattern enforced by marshals</p> <p>First Aiders & Kits available on launches</p> <p>All marshals to carry klaxons to halt racing if necessary.</p> <p>Emergency Action Plan (Appendix 7 in Safety Plan) is to be followed</p> <p>All crew members must have passed a swim test before entering the Regatta</p> <p>Circulation plan sent to lock keepers and local rowing clubs to advise regular river users.</p> <p>Boats must have backstays</p>	<p>Cox & coach</p> <p>Coach</p> <p>Regatta organisers</p> <p>Incident Controller</p>
Capsize	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Drowning 2. Infection 3. Hypothermia 4. Feet caught in boat 5. Hit on head by blades 6. Hit by other boats 7. Cox trapped 	<p>All Crew members</p>	<p>Emergency Action Plan (Appendix 7 in Safety Plan) is to be followed</p> <p>All crew members must have passed a swim test before entering the Regatta</p> <p>Novice boats only go out with OURCs registered cox, who have attended the pre-event briefing if they are either novice or new to the event.</p> <p>All boats must have heel restraints All crews be aware of water quality All participants to stay with the boat</p> <p>Coxes to wear a manually inflated life jacket only in front loading boats.</p> <p>Safety boats in vicinity with first aid personnel</p> <p>Marshals instructed to klaxon the race if someone goes in the water. All marshals issued with klaxons</p>	<p>Incident Controller</p> <p>Coach</p> <p>Coach & boatmen</p> <p>Club captains, Coach</p> <p>Cox</p> <p>Regatta organisers</p> <p>Regatta organisers</p>
Swamping	Unlikely occurrence	All crews	All rowers to understand escape drill	Coach, cox

Catching a Crab	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Winding 2. Head injury 3. Unconscious 4. Thrown from boat 5. Infection 6. Drowning 	All Crew members	<p>All novice boats have a OURCs registered cox, who have attended the pre-event briefing if they are either novice or new to the event.</p> <p>Safety Boats in vicinity with First Aiders and First Aid Kits</p> <p>All crews be aware of water quality Swim test compulsory to all crew members</p> <p>Emergency Action Plan (Appendix 7 in Safety Plan) is to be followed</p>	<p>Club captains, coach</p> <p>Regatta organisers</p> <p>Club captains, coach</p> <p>Incident Controller</p>
Over Exertion	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pulled muscles 2. Cramp 3. Hypothermia 4. Hyperventilation 5. Back Injury 6. Vomiting 	All crew members	<p>All rowers to undertake a thorough warm up & stretching session before going onto the water. Suitable clothing to be worn in cold weather.</p> <p>Awareness of medical/physical problems – should not compete if feeling unwell/ if they are injured</p> <p>First Aiders & First Aid Kits available</p> <p>Emergency Action Plan (Appendix 7 in Safety Plan) is to be followed</p>	<p>Crews, coach</p> <p>Crews, coach - Coach, cox</p> <p>Regatta organisers</p> <p>Incident Controller</p>
Safety Boat	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Falling off 2. Caught up in propeller 3. Collision 4. Failure of launch engine (or other critical part) 	<p>Safety boat crew</p> <p>People in the water</p> <p>Other river users</p>	<p>All Safety Boat Drivers to Be RYA Level II Power Boat qualification holders. Boats not overloaded</p> <p>Appropriate seating fitted Kill Cords to be fitted & used. Buoyancy Aids to be worn by all people on Safety Boat.</p> <p>BR Safety Bags to be carried, containing; First Aid Kit, Throw Line of minimum length 15 metres, exposure bag & foil blanket, spare paddle.</p> <p>Fuel Tanks to be secured to the boat.</p> <p>Radio to be carried on each boat. First Aider to be on at least one safety boat.</p> <p>If launch become unusable then racing is suspended until it can be fixed or a replacement is found.</p>	<p>Regatta organisers</p> <p>Regatta organisers Boat owners & Safety boat crew</p> <p>Regatta organisers Boat crew</p> <p>Boat crew</p> <p>Regatta organisers Boat Crew</p> <p>Regatta organisers Boat Crew</p>

Adverse Weather/ River Conditions	Strong Stream Flowing High winds against stream causing potentially choppy water conditions	All crews	(Blue Flag 2-4) Full programme Experienced and senior coxes only	Regatta organisers
			(Amber Flag 4-5) Event cancelled.	Regatta organisers
			(Red Flag 5+) Event cancelled	Regatta organisers
Adverse weather/ river conditions in the lead up to the regatta	Very inexperienced crews potentially causing collisions/injury in side-by-side racing	All crews	Switch to qualification time trial as set out by safety plan	Regatta organisers
Low Visibility	Collisions with other craft on the river or with the river bank	All River Users	If visibility is reduced to less than 100m on any part of the racing course then racing is suspended or cancelled.	Senior Umpire, Regatta organisers
Ice on Water	Damage to boats	All River Users	Race officials and marshals to monitor weather conditions. Safety launches used to clear small quantities of ice from the racing course. Racing cancelled if launches cannot sufficiently clear the race course of ice.	Senior Umpire, Regatta organisers
Hazards LAND BASED:	Resulting Risks	Persons Affected	Controls in place to reduce risks	Persons responsible for ensuring controls in place
Tow Path Side	Fall into the river.	Spectators	Signs prominently displayed detailing the event <i>Crowd Control</i> Marshals at prominent / busy spots to remind spectators of risks. Radios to be allocated to all marshals First Aiders to be positioned at busy spots. All marshals to wear brightly coloured bibs so that they can be easily identified Emergency Action Plan (Appendix 7 in Safety Plan) is to be followed	Regatta organisers Incident Controller

Tow Path Side	Hit by cyclists/coaches	Spectators	<p>Signs prominently displayed detailing the event</p> <p>All coaches to be advised of the need to be careful when riding along the towpath.</p> <p>Strictly one bike (bank rider) allowed per crew. Bank riders must wear fluorescent bibs, and have bells on their bikes</p> <p>Emergency Action Plan (Appendix 7 in Safety Plan) is to be followed</p>	<p>Regatta organisers</p> <p>Coaches</p> <p>Marshals</p> <p>Incident Controller</p>
<p>Christ Church side</p> <p>[Will include Longbridges Boat House and Univ Boat House]</p>	<p>1. Fall into the river.</p> <p>2. Hit by boats whilst being moved to & from boat houses</p>	<p>Spectators</p> <p>Crews getting ready to race / coming back from racing</p>	<p>Signs prominently displayed detailing the event</p> <p>Swim test compulsory for all crew members</p> <p><i>Crowd Control</i></p> <p>Marshals at prominent / busy spots to remind spectators.</p> <p>Radios to be allocated to all marshals.</p> <p>First Aiders to be positioned at busy spots.</p> <p>Emergency Action Plan (Appendix 7 in Safety Plan) is to be followed</p>	<p>Regatta organisers</p> <p>Incident Controller</p>
Boat Houses	Injuries sustained as a result of consumption of alcohol.	Injured Persons	Manned First Aid Post near boat houses, with radio and mobile phone.	Regatta Organisers
Ice on Towpath	Injury to bystanders or cyclists, possibly immersion	<p>Bystanders</p> <p>Boating Crews</p>	<p>Senior Umpire and Race Secretary will discuss measures to make racing safe</p> <p>Emergency Action Plan (Appendix 7 in Safety Plan) is to be followed</p>	<p>Regatta organisers,</p> <p>Senior Umpire</p> <p>Incident Controller</p>
Radio Failure	Loss of communications with one or more marshals/umpires	<p>Marshals</p> <p>Race organisers</p> <p>Umpires</p>	<p>All marshals to have mobile phones and be contactable by race desk in event of radio failure</p> <p>Flag system</p> <p>Racing suspended until problem is resolved</p>	<p>Regatta organisers,</p> <p>Senior Umpire</p>
Hazards COVID-19:	Resulting Risks	Persons Affected	Controls in place to reduce risks	Persons responsible for ensuring controls in place

Transmission of COVID-19 through Boat Houses	Potential serious health implications for a difficult COVID case	All participants	<p>All participants to follow all relevant guidance from British Rowing and the government</p> <p>Guidance to be published online, and in prior communications with participants</p> <p>Physical signage to be visible in all participating boat houses</p> <p>Participants to avoid mixing personnel or equipment between crews and colleges as much as is possible</p>	<p>Regatta organisers, Club captains, coaches</p> <p>Regatta organisers</p> <p>Club captains, head coaches</p> <p>Club captains</p>
Transmission of COVID-19 within crews	Potential serious health implications for a difficult COVID case	All crew members	<p>All participants to follow all relevant guidance from British Rowing, the Government, the University, and their college (if applicable)</p> <p>Any participants testing positive must immediately withdraw from the competition, and inform the regatta organisers and all relevant persons at their college</p> <p>Any participants who are notified as being a primary contact of a confirmed case will be required to follow all university, college, and government guidance and rules regarding self-isolation</p> <p>(At the time of writing, this guidance means that any persons exempt from isolation will be strongly recommended not to participate until such time as they return a negative test.)</p>	<p>Regatta organisers, Club captains, coaches</p> <p>Club captains, coaches</p> <p>Club captains, coaches</p>
Transmission of COVID-19 through Safety Launches	Potential serious health implications for a difficult COVID case	Safety boat crew	<p>Consistent launch driver / first aider teams will be used wherever possible</p> <p>Safety boat crew to follow all relevant guidance from British Rowing, the Government, and the University</p>	Regatta organisers
Transmission of COVID-19 through spectators	Potential serious health implications for a difficult COVID case	All spectators, and any bystanders	Access to Christ Church Meadow and the towpath to be discussed and co-ordinated with all relevant persons prior to the event, and clearly communicated to all participants	Regatta organisers
Change in guidance or legislation	The current format of the regatta may no longer be permitted	All participants	<p>The regatta organisers will keep track of any changes to the relevant guidance, and communicate the impact to participants</p> <p>Participants to be made aware that in the event of any substantial change to the relevant guidance, the event may be reduced in scope, or cancelled</p>	Regatta organisers
<p>THERE MUST BE SUITABLE ACCESS TO BOTH SIDES OF THE RIVER TO ALLOW EMERGENCY VEHICLES AT ANY TIME. ACCESS TO THE TOWPATH, UNSUITABLE FOR MOTOR VEHICLES, WILL BE PRIMARILY FROM FOLLEY BRIDGE, DONNINGTON BRIDGE OR UNIV BOATHOUSE (ACCESSED FROM ABINGDON ROAD) DEPENDING ON WHICH IS CLOSER. ACCESS TO THE CITY SIDE OF THE RIVER WILL BE THROUGH CHRIST CHURCH MEADOW, OR CORC (CITY OF OXFORD ROWING CLUB) IF NECESSARY.</p>				

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