

RISK ASSESSMENT 2023

READING TOWN REGATTA, THAMES VALLEY PARK REGATTA

	Hazard	Risk	Existing Control Measures	Severity	Freq.	Action Outstanding	Timescale
General	Weather / stream	Advance decision on event due to adverse weather or stream conditions	A decision will be taken by the Safety Advisor, Chairman of the Race Committee and Regatta Chairman on the Thursday morning before the event as to whether or not the event will proceed based on weather and stream forecasts from the Met Office and EA or equivalent qualified bodies.	N/A	N/A	If a cancellation is required all entrants and clubs to be contacted directly via BROE / email/telephone	Thursday before event
COVID 19	General spread of Covid 19	Infected persons transmitting infection to others present at the event	All participants / helpers/ officials told to not attend if feeling unwell or displaying symptoms or testing +ve for Covid. National Government guidelines and British Rowing Recommendations will be applied. Mask wearing in enclosed areas whilst not mandatory and is at personal discretion, but is advised. Provision of hand gel in multiple locations and hand washing facilities.	3	1	All correspondence with competitors, helpers and officials to indicate the requirement to not attend if feeling unwell, displaying symptoms or testing +ve for Covid. Regular checks on hand gel provision.	From now until the day.

Serial 1	<p>Those associated with boating</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Racing Safety -Boat Park Area -Boating Area -On the water - Physical failures / illness 	<p>Collisions with other boats, banks and sinkings. Competitors suffering from the effect of cold water immersion.</p>	<p>Event conducted within British Rowing (BR) Row Safe rules. Reliance on competence of competitors. Umpires carry out random checks of some aspects of Row Safe to audit the duty of care of clubs and competitors to boat only in boats that are compliant with the code. Such checks do not constitute a warranty that the boat is safe. No boats will be allowed on the water without a check that all coxes are wearing an appropriate life jacket. All racing is under BR rules with umpiring. 3 Water Safety Boats available plus launches (RTR), First Aid are attending. Safety equipment is on all launches</p>	5	3	<p>Instructions sent out in accordance with rule 223 Boating & Navigation instructions posted at Crew Stewards and Race Control. British Rowing Handbook detailing racing rules and Regulations at Race Control. All coxes sign certificates saying they have read and understand instructions</p>	In place on day
Serial 2	Anywhere on site	<p>Competitors suffering medical emergency eg Asthma attack, cardiac</p>	<p>Rescue / First Aid professionals present. Defibrillator available at Wokingham Waterside Centre (RG6 1PQ) and at First Aid point.</p>	5	2	<p>Nearest Official to take control until Rescue / First Aid / Medical professionals present. If suspected "Cardiac arrest"</p>	In place on day

		arrest.				Ambulance to be called immediately. Defibrillator available at Wokingham Waterside Centre (RG6 1PQ) and at First Aid point.	
Serial 3	Navigation Channel	Collisions with other boats, banks and sinkings	Boating and Navigation instructions issued to all competitors in advance and on day. Presence of Water Safety craft on course and in Navigation Channel	5	2	Navigation Channel and course to be clearly buoyed and signed at both ends with floating signage	In place on day
Serial 4	Land Safety	Collisions	Umpires present in Boating area Separate Boat racks provided adjacent to boating area for boat storage. First Aid in attendance	3	2	Umpires present in Boating area	In place on day
Serial 5	Marquees and tented structures including bar	Wind Damage, Structural Failure (guys, poles)	Wind sheer effects minimised, structures erected by trained professionals using high quality materials fit for	3	1	Check structure with contractor on erection	Immediately prior to opening

Serial 6	Electrical Provision	Electric Shock	purpose. Installation by professional contractors.	5	1	Check with contractor on completion	Re check on day of event
Serial 7	Combustible structures and decorations	Fire, caused by cigarettes etc.	On site attendance of First aid. Fire extinguishers in main marquee and bar area. No smoking in tented areas. Waterside Centre fire provision as per requirements and in line with WDC requirements	6	1	Place on day of event	Place on day of event
Serial 8	Food/Bar/Side stalls	Misuse of equipment / hygiene issues	Trained personnel manning stall with Food Safety certificate where relevant. First Aid on site	3	2	Rebrief personnel on day of event	On morning of event
Serial 9	Terrorist attack/Air Crash	Bomb / Terrorist /chemical attack/Air Crash	Police aware of events. First Aid / Ambulance on site. Full radio comms. available across site. Regatta Control will manage evacuation of site	6	1	Monitor weather conditions, structural checks: guys etc. All staff briefed on evacuation procedure. General	On day

			until arrival of Emergency services			security announcements On day.	
Serial 10	Wildlife hazards / incidents	Swans/geese/ ducks stray onto course leading to collision / sinking	General duty of water safety patrols and umpires to observe and ensure course is kept clear	2	2	Re-brief on morning of regattas	On day
Serial 11	Umpire Towers	Public may climb tower ladders and cause injury through falling	All towers / ladders / access to be made safe and inaccessible to public outside manned hours	3	2	Structures to be checked on completion by contractor and made safe by Committee on site	On completion and when not in use for regatta
Serial 12	Vehicle / people risk on site	Eg vehicle crashes, vehicle / people collisions	Car Park (marshalled) for all visitors to the site with separate access next to security building on Thames Valley Park. No vehicles except specific officials and boat trailers/minibuses in designated areas will be	3	2	All Marshalls briefed prior to event and again on morning of event	Prior and On day

			on the site at any time (fenced off). Officials' car park with restricted access (marshalled)				
Serial 13	Avian Flu	Animal waste on bank/boating area	Swans will be removed and any waste in the boating area stages will be cleared / washed down prior to the event commencing	2	2	Clearing task to be allocated the day before event	On day
Serial 14	Competitors	Dehydration if a warm day	Water provided via taps at rear of main Marquee in competitor preparation area. Bottled water on sale if preferred.	2	3	Team tasked with providing this during Regatta set up	Day before
Serial 15	Competitors	Hypothermia if cold / exposed to water	Ensure crews adequately dressed as per BR Row Safe rules	2	3	Crew Stewards and Umpires to check on day	On day
Serial 16	Competitors	Lightning – eg with carbon fibre oars etc being carried	Ensure crews aware – Race Committee to decide if safe etc Crews to be informed at check in of any risk. 20-20 rule applies.	5	2	Announcements on day if lightning risk – may result in racing being stopped – Safety Officer and Race Committee	On day
Serial 17	All other incidents	Eg Near misses	General duty of water safety patrols and umpires to observe and inform. All events to be	3	1	Rebrief on morning.	On day

		<p>recorded in Incident book at Regatta control.</p> <p>In the event of any emergency this will be informed to Regatta Control in person or via Radio link. The Coordinating Umpire will assume control of the incident calling for radio silence except for those dealing with the incident. Help will be summoned where necessary, with racing suspended immediately if the incident has occurred on the course. Should the incident require assistance beyond that which is available on site then 999 will be called by Regatta control. Given the scale of any incident it may well then be the responsibility of the relevant professional services to assume control of any situation where they deem this to be appropriate.</p>	2	2	Rebrief on morning.	On day
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Name of Assessor:	Quentin Knowlson	Signature <i>Quentin Knowlson</i>	Date of Assessment: 17th April 2023
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Frequency 1=Highly improbable occurrence 2= Remotely possible occurrence 3= Occasional occurrence 4= Fairly frequent occurrence 5= Frequent and regular occurrence 6= Almost a certainty.

Severity 1= Negligible injuries 2= Minor injuries 3= Major injuries 4= Multiple major injuries 5= Single fatality 6= Multiple fatality

36-26 Action now 25-17 Action within 3 months 16-6 Action within 6 months.