

BARNES & MORTLAKE REGATTA 2016

COMPETITORS SAFETY PLAN

INTRODUCTION

It will take you no more than five minutes to read this Safety Plan. Please do so. It will help to ensure that your day at Barnes & Mortlake Regatta is trouble free and safe.

Any comments or questions on this plan should be raised with Regatta Control.

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

The Regatta Committee will endeavour to provide a safe racing environment. This does not replace an individual's responsibility to themselves, fellow competitors, spectators and other river users to conduct themselves in a safe and responsible manner throughout the event.

It is the responsibility of all competitors to read and understand all Regatta documentation sent to them

Anything that is unclear or not understood should be clarified at Registration. We would much rather you asked if anything is unclear rather than risk yourself or your crew(s)

KEY PERSONNEL & LOCATIONS

Located at Mortlake Anglian & Alpha Boathouse terrace

Chief Umpire	-	Luke Howells
Hon Sec/Water Safety Adviser	-	Noel Durkin
Medical Advisors	-	Dr Nina Padwick

Crew Registration: is located on the first floor - Mortlake Anglian & Alpha clubhouse, Ibis Lane.

SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Safety Launch cover will be provided during racing. The Safety Launch will be generally situated about halfway up the course. Race Umpires launches will also provide assistance in case of emergency.

The RNLI lifeboat station at Chiswick has been informed of the event. The Port of London Authority (PLA) has been informed of the event.

Charing Cross Hospital is the nearest hospital.

Charing Cross Hospital
Fulham Palace Road,
Hammersmith
London, W6 9NT

All Regatta Officials are in open radio contact with Regatta Control who will summon the Emergency Services in case of need.

Accidents: On Land: - Contact the nearest official
On Water - Stay with your boat. Wait for the Safety Launch and/or Umpires launch. Accept all assistance & obey all instructions given to you.

Telephones: The nearest public telephone is situated in the MA&ABC Clubhouse. If a Competitor has a need to summon the assistance of the Emergency Services, dial 999 and request '**COASTGUARD**'. The Coastguard will then direct the most appropriate form of assistance to the incident.

Competitors are advised to consider carrying a mobile phone, suitably protected from the elements, in the boat for use in case of need.

SAFEGUARDING & PROTECTING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

Any concerns should be reported to Race control/Crew registration desk or any Regatta Official.

BR Child Protection Officer 0208 237 6700
NSPCC 0808 800 5000

RIVER EVACUATION

If a need to get all Regatta crews and personnel off the river arises as in the case of severe weather [lightning being seen or thunder heard] or any other reason, Regatta Control will call a 'RIVER EVACUATION'.

Once this is called, the object is to get crews off the water as safely and quickly as possible all the while maintaining calm and order. **Crews on the water** will be instructed to return to Mortlake Anglian & Alpha BC or put in to shore if UL or Putney Town RC steps are nearer, and will be escorted there by water borne Regatta personnel.

Once ashore, beach your boat AND GET UNDER COVER **BUT NOT UNDER TREES**

Please comply promptly with all instructions given by Regatta Officials during any emergency situation

Surrey Towpath

This is a public highway frequently used by cyclists, runners, pedestrians and others. Competitors, spectators, their friends and families are requested to keep this well in mind and allow free passage to other towpath users on the day of the Regatta

THE REGATTA COMMITTEE WISHES ALL COMPETITORS A SAFE, ENJOYABLE AND SUCCESSFUL DAY'S RACING