

Risk Assessment for Stourport Regatta & Sprint 10th & 11th August 2019

Risk	Probability H / M / L	Severity H / M / L	Risk Level	Planned Action to Control Risk
Collision between crews crossing river to boating lane and crews racing on course	Low	Medium	Tolerable	Landing stage marshal to coordinate with marshal stationed on town side. Crews to await instructions from landing stage marshal before crossing.
Collision between crews returning to landing stage after finishing race, and crews approaching the finish line racing.	Low	Medium	Tolerable	Crews instructed to continue rowing past finish line to buoy positioned 50m past line before turning round. Marshal on finish line to enforce.
Damage and injury resulting from collision on the course.	Low	Medium	Tolerable	Bow balls, heel restraints and buoyancy compartments may be checked by Control Commission prior to boats being allowed to race. Buoyancy aids may be visually checked by Control Commission. Competitors and coaches are responsible for ensuring that their boats are safe and are prepared to the required standards at all times.
Capsize during a race	Low	Medium	Tolerable	There will be two safety launches for the Regatta and one launch for the Sprint covering a section of the course. All are equipped with first aid kits & buoyancy aids and are in constant radio contact with race control and all umpires. Cox's life jackets may checked by Control Commission prior to going afloat to race. Particular attention paid to "front loader" boats ensuring that coxwains are wearing the correct life jacket.
Sudden bad weather causing unrowable and / or dangerous conditions.	Low	Medium	Tolerable	Any umpire or other key race official will stop racing. Any crews on the water will be moved into the most sheltered lane and shepherded back to the landing stages by safety boats.
Severe storm accompanied by thunder and lightning.	Low	Medium	Moderate	In the event of thunder and lightning the 30/30 rule will be implemented. All activities will be suspended at a Flash-Bang of 30 secs (6 miles) and will not be resumed until 30 mins has elapsed from the last observed thunder or lightning. Crews will be cleared from the water and shepherded back to the finish by safety launches as rapidly as possible. PA will instruct all athletes, officials and spectators to move under cover.
River level increase/flow	Low	Medium	Moderate	In the event of river level increasing any umpire or other key race official will stop racing or prevent inexperienced crews from boating (juniors and novices)
Collapse of athlete on landing stages	Low	Medium	Tolerable	Control Commission to summon Medical Aid by radio (First Aid)
Contact with waterborne hazards such as Blue Green Algae (Cynobacteria)	Low	Medium	Tolerable	Waterways to be monitored for evidence of harmful substances prior to racing. First Aid Team to be aware of possible symptoms
Contact with waterborne viruses such as Lepto Spyrrosis (Weill's disease)	Low	Medium	Tolerable	All visiting crews will be familiar with the British Rowing information on the dangers of waterborne diseases and the precautions needed to avoid infection. Washing and showering facilities are available to reduce risk of infection
Collision of crews with moored craft adjacent to boating lane, either racing, or making their way to start.	Low	Medium	Tolerable	Two marshalls positioned on town side bank with loud hailer warning crews approaching moored craft too close.
Collision in Start Zone	Low	Medium	Tolerable	Start Marshalls "collect" crews for the next race and dispatch to the start in the correct order. Crews boating up are held until the start is clear.
Collision of boats being carried with members of the public when crossing public footpath alongside river	Low	Medium	Tolerable	Warning signs in place to make public aware of hazard on both approaches.

Risk Assessment Matrix

Probability of Accidents	Severity of Outcome		
	Slightly harmful (Low)	Harmful (Medium)	Extremely harmful (High)
Highly unlikely (Low)	Trivial Risk	Tolerable Risk	Moderate Risk
Unlikely (Medium)	Tolerable Risk	Moderate Risk	Substantial Risk
Likely (High)	Moderate Risk	Substantial Risk	Intolerable Risk

Risk and Actions

RISK LEVEL	ACTION AND TIMESCALE
Trivial Risk	No action required
Tolerable Risk	No additional controls are required. Consideration may be given to a more effective solution or improvement.
Moderate Risk	Efforts should be made to reduce the risk. Risk reduction measures should be implemented within a defined time period. Where the moderate risk is associated with harmful/ serious consequences further assessment may be necessary to establish more precisely the likelihood of harm as a basis for determining the need for improved control measures.
Substantial Risk	The activity should not be started until the risk has been reduced. Considerable resources may have to be allocated to reduce the risk. Where the risk involves an activity already in progress, urgent action should be taken.
Intolerable Risk	Activity should not be started or continued until the risk has been reduced. If it is not possible to reduce the risk even with unlimited resources, activity has to remain prohibited.

Signed



Dated

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