

DEE AUTUMN HEAD - SAFETY PLAN

October 29th 2016



Grosvenor Rowing Club
CHESTER

RULES APPLYING TO THIS EVENT

The event is run under British Rowing Rules of Racing, Row Safe and Adaptive Rowing Safety Guidance for Event Organisers.

COMMUNICATIONS will be through the Umpires VHF Radio Net. and agreed VHF channel, priority **given to safety (especially mayday) messages at all times.**

Telephones -There is a telephone in Grosvenor Rowing Club at **race control** (01244 311231). Public phone boxes can be found at Royal Chester Rowing Club and in the Groves. In the event of an emergency Dial 999 clearly request the appropriate emergency service and your location.

- **Event Duty Office** will be Brian Chapman tel: 07833544700

SAFETY

Event Safety Advisor is Colin Davies tel: 07919593049 or reached on the Umpires VHF net.

MEDICAL AND FIRST AID

First Aid Cover - St. John Ambulance Service will provide First Aid cover in front of or inside Grosvenor RC (postcode CH1 1SD) contact tel: 07518 046477

- A defibrillator is located in the Gym Grosvenor Rowing Club

Hospital - All accidents and emergencies will be taken to the Countess of Chester Hospital, Liverpool Road, Chester, tel: 01244 365000 (post code CH2 1UL).

WELFARE

The Event Welfare Officer is Louise Tobias from Grosvenor Rowing Club tel. 07913916241.

EMERGENCY ACTION PLANS

Accidents on the water - in the event of collision, capsize, hypothermia, sinking or other injury on the water the nearest official is to inform race control and direct the nearest safety launch to the site of the incident. St John's Ambulance Team can be called for medical advice during transport.

The following information should be passed to both parties:

a). Location b). Type of Boat (scull, four, eight) c). Nature of incident (capsize, collision), Numbers involved. All casualties will be given immediate first aid by the safety boat crew and moved to Race Control as soon as possible to be seen by St. John Ambulance. Seriously injured will be transferred to the Countess of Chester Hospital. If necessary, 999 will be dialed for an ambulance to meet the safety boat. Ambulances will be directed to these locations shown on the event map:

The Groves SJ 411 661, Paddock Road – Eccleston SJ 414 621 or Sandy Lane SJ 420 660, whichever is the nearest road access. The OS Grid should be used to confirm the location.

Land Accidents - Minor injuries should be taken to the St John's Ambulance Team. If the casualty can't be moved call the Team to attend the incident or provide medical advice - if too far away. In the event of serious injury the nearest race official should be approached to summon medical assistance/alternatively dial 999.

Safety launches - Chester Boat Company (CBC) provides the primary safety cover on the water. Additional, Umpire/Marshaling launches will be manned by Grosvenor Rowing Club members. **Safety Launch location is shown on the course map and will provide cover as follows:**

Start Marshall Start area

Heron Bridge (CBC) - From start line and down to Heron Bridge and first 500m of Heron Bridge straight. Red House (CBC) - Last 500m of Heron Bridge straight and down to the sailing club.

Canoe Club (CBC) - sailing club to the Finish.

Finish Area. - Finish line to the three yellow danger Cardinal Buoys before the weir.

ALL SAFETY MATTERS HAVE PRIORITY IN THE USE OF THESE LAUNCHES START AND FINISH

The Start Marshall is to ensure that all crews have passed upstream of the start at the "Motorway Bridge" before the first boat of the Division is started, remain facing upstream until requested to turn. Start and Finish Marshals will carry throw lines.

The Finish Marshall is to ensure that all boats that have finished racing move to the Suspension Bridge on the Meadows side of the river and follow the circulation pattern passing the buoy and suspension bridge before returning to the Groves (trailer area) and turning around the buoy clockwise before returning on the City side of the river to whichever rowing club stage, in accordance with the traffic circulation/management diagram. Crews crossing to the Queen's Park High School stage should not do so until they have passed the Grosvenor stage avoiding crews finishing. All crews need to be aware of crews finishing the race still moving downstream and obey any instructions from race officials. A time penalty will be imposed on any crews failing to comply with instructions from Marshals on the way up river or failing to observe the circulation plan at the finish.

CREW SAFETY – this is your responsibility.

All crews are required to comply with Row Safe. Any crew in breach of these rules is liable to disqualification. Stage marshals will conduct random checks for heel restraints, warm clothing, bow ball condition, general boat worthiness, buoyancy and the safe fitting of life jackets.

LOCAL NAVIGATION RULES

The river remains open to other river users and all crews should be aware of that. We have an agreement with the owners of the commercial pleasure boats, which they have kindly agreed to use the City/Grosvenor R.C. side of the river throughout the day. **BUT** please be aware that other river users not connected with the race may be on the water and may not know the rules. On the way up to the start and during the race all competitors should remain on the Meadows side of the river. The river is wide enough for crews to do this and still have enough room to overtake with safety.

Immediately below the area of the Groves there is a Weir. It is clearly marked **DANGER** on the course map and protected by three Yellow Cardinal Buoys.

RISK ASSESSMENT

A risk assessment will have been undertaken and reviewed to assess the safety of the river and prevailing weather conditions on the day, including Fog, Wind, Squalls, Barometric Pressure, Tide, Debris and Stream conditions. The risk assessment team will consist of the club safety advisor, the club captain and the DAH organizer. The results of the risk assessment and any decisions taken will be forwarded to the chief umpire and be used during the event safety briefings. The team will also monitor the water levels relative to the towpath. If the level is deemed too high all water activities will be suspended.

REMEMBER SAFETY IS ALL OUR RESPONSIBILITIES