



Henley Town & Visitors' Regatta 2 August 2008

SAFETY STATEMENT

- The Regatta is held in accordance with the ARA Rules of Racing and accordingly the ARA Code of Practice for Water Safety will be implemented.
- The Safety Adviser and the Chairman of the Race Committee, in consultation with the Environment Agency representative where appropriate, will monitor weather and water conditions immediately before and during the Regatta. If they conclude that the conditions may jeopardise the safe running of the Regatta and in particular the safety of participants, they will suspend racing in total or by class of event, until such time as conditions are considered safe.
- Water-borne activities will be monitored during the hours of racing. Two rescue boats manned by trained personnel will be provided one boat at the downstream end of the course and the start area, the other at the upstream end of the course and the boating area.
- Additional safety provision will be provided by the Umpires' launches. Umpires will monitor activity on the water whilst proceeding to the start, and whilst waiting below the start for their next race.
- **The Umpire's launches, rescue boats and Regatta Control are on a common radio network. The Start and Crew Marshals have a separate radio link with Regatta Control.**
- The Umpire's first responsibility is the safety of competitors and should an accident occur involving a competitor in a race, the Race Umpire will render immediate assistance. They will use the radio to inform Regatta Control, summon the nearer rescue launch, and advise the start marshals of the following race to suspend racing until the incident is cleared.
- During the hours of racing there will be a doctor and a St John Ambulance first aid team on site. These can be contacted via Regatta Control.
- The Regatta does not provide safety cover prior to boats going afloat before the first race or after the last race of the day. Crews proceeding above the boating area or below Remenham Farm do so at their own risk.

INCIDENT PROCEDURE

- In the case of an incident in a race, the Race Umpire will immediately advise Regatta Control and the rescue boats, giving location, severity and numbers involved. The umpire, driver and timekeeper will give immediate assistance as necessary. The nearest rescue boat will attend any incident on the racing course.
- In the case of other waterborne incidents the first craft to reach the situation (rescue boat or umpire's launch) will assume control and advise Regatta Control on the location, severity and numbers involved, and summon assistance if necessary.
- If medical attention is required, the umpire or rescue boat team will advise Regatta Control. Casualties will be brought to the landing stage above the Floating Stand for immediate access to First Aid or medical personnel.
- Regatta Control will additionally advise the Start if racing is to be suspended because of an incident on the course; Regatta Control will declare the incident clear and authorise resumption of racing.
- Accidents on the land should be directed to the St John Ambulance team in the enclosure. First aid will be provided and a doctor is in attendance.
- Telephone numbers of Emergency Services and external 'Emergency Only' telephone links are located at Regatta Control situated in the floating grandstand.
- Incident reports (using standard ARA forms) are to be completed by Officials and parties involved for any incident, however minor it appears to be. Accident reports should be completed, where possible, by the doctor or a member of the first aid team. All such reports should be handed to Regatta Control on the Floating Stand in the enclosure.
- In the event of lightning, all crews will be prevented from going afloat, and all water based marshals and umpires shall escort all crews already on the water to the nearest safe landing point.