	Risk Asse	essment										•		
	Event: Northw	ich Regatta		Northwich RC Regatta 2025		Date:11/05/25				43574				
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No:	Hazard	Barriers	Action to maintain barriers	Hazardous Event	Controls	Action to maintain controls	Harm	Sev erity (1-5)		Level of Risk (L/M/S/ I)	Com	Even t RSA	ials & Mars	Cont rol Com miss ions
	Water													
1	Boats afloat for practice	Practice not permitted in Regatta format			Safety plan and instructions to competitors advise crews that practice sessions are not permitted	Send Safety plans to clubs and instruct them to inform their crews. Display safety plan.	Cold water immersion leading to mild hypothermia	2	в	Low	x			
2	Boats returning to landing stage following faults	Marshalls to ensure boats are checked before launching for other hazards not part of scrutineering	Ensure crews are briefed on procedures for returning to landing stage	Collision with boats prceeding to start not expecting other traffic	Stewards will warn all crews of returning boats.	Ensure returning boats follow rules of the river	Collision	2	в	Low	x		x	x
3	Boats afloat for racing	Coaches and crews must have read the Notes for Officials and Crews and be aware ofboating procedures before going afloat for racing.	and inform openhas and groups that	Capsize or sinking during a race	Every race will be supervised by Marshalls.	Ensure that there are sufficient Officials have sufficient visibility upstream and doenstream, and understand their bondaries of responsibility.	Cold water immersion leading to mild hypothermia	2	C	Moderate	x	x		
4				Collision or other emergency whislt boats are afloat	A fully equipped rescue launch manned by lifesavers is also in attendance at all times.	Ensure that there is sufficient safety cover. Check equipment prior to use.		2	С	Moderate	х			
5				Cox wearing incorrect lifekacket for style of boat	Coxes' life jackets checked by Officials prior to going afloat to race.	Ensure that Officials checking equipment have instructions and a checklist		2	С	Moderate			х	x
6	Water Level/Flow/Debris	Conditiona are assessed by Race Committee before each launch commences.	Brief crews if flows are high but manaegeable.	High or Low water levels, danger to boating	C&R Trust have the ability to control water levels at short notice	Ensure race committee have appropriate contacts		2	A	Low	х	x	х	x
7				Weed, visible and invisble	Pennywort floats and is managed actively, hidden weed is more difficult to identify	Rescue boats will check for weeds and othe hazards		2	A	Low	x	x	x	x
8	Boat without sealed buoyancy compartments sinking.	Boat without sealed buoyancy compartments to have buoyancy bags.	Pre-boating safety check.	Submersion			Cold water submersion.	2	D	Low			x	x
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1	Sudden bad weather causing un-rowable and/or dangerous conditions	Any key race official will stop racing. Any crews on the water will be moved into the most sheltered area and shepherded back to the landing stages by rescue boats.		Boats capsize or are swamped	Rescue launches are in attendance at key strategic points on the course and are all equiped with two way radios.	Ensure that there is sufficient safety cover.	Cold water immersion leading to mild hypothermia	3	С	Moderate	х	x		
2				Crew or Coxes trapped in boat	Coxes' life jackets checked by Officials prior to going afloat to race. Particular attention paid to "front loader" boats (unlikely to be many of these at this regatta).	Ensure that Officials checking equipment have instructions and a checklist		3	С	Moderate	x	x		x

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2 Intervent process proc	4	Possibility of electrical storm	document "Developing an action plan for risk from lightning" available	Coaches and crews are adequately	Rower or official struck by lightning	treatment, and casualty evacuation	Electrical burns, shock	3	в	Low	x			
e Image: Construction of the second of t	5		racing should follow the 30/30 rule: racing should stop when the flash- to-bang count is 30 seconds, and should not resume until 30 minutes	agreed unanimously by Event Chairman, Safety Adviser, Starter. Race Committee Chairman and all				3	В	Low	x	x		
Notice is block with the series of the se	6		immediately, instructions from Safety Adviser or Race Committee Chairman using radios in rescue launches. Transport to be available to move rowers from the bank to	Ensure that Marshals, officials, Coaches and crews are adequately				3	В	Low	x			
Image: Non-state with source in source in the set of the		Weather not suitable for event.	Event will be cancelled if there are any met office weather warnings.	RSA will subscribe to met office alerts.	Capsize, general unsafe conditions for handling boats.			2	D	Moderate	x	x		
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8	Other river traffic	Effective marshalling	Umpires, safety boats and lock keepers in radio contact to coordinate other traffic. Officials to maintain a lookout of the course.	Collision between racing crews and other river users.	Safety boats with first aid kits stationed along the course.		Collision/ capsize.	2	С	Low	x	x	x	×
					Local Environment									
1	Overhanging trees and reed beds on the route to the start	Warn crews and scullers to avoid trees and reedbeds	Include in briefing to competitios and marshals	Crews or scullers blown into the overhanging trees	Assist with safety launch	Ensure that there is sufficient safety cover. Check equipment prior to use.	Rowers entangled in tree or reeds (minor inconvenience, no damage)	1	С	Low	х			
2	Weils Disease and other waterborne infections	Remind water users of the risk		Capsize or other entry in to the water	Ensure all water users wash hands after being afloat	Washing Facilities include soap and water.	Weils Disease. Other stomach infections.	2	E	Low	х	x	x	
3	Trailers in congested car park.	Trailer drivers reminded to use caution.		Trailer striking person or property		First aiders on site.	Injury or property damage.	3	В	Low	х	x	x	x
4	Invasive species	All clubs to be aware of check, clean, dry. Both before and after the event.	https://www.nonnativespecies.org/ what-can-i-do/check-clean-dry	Introducing an invasive species		Notify the CRT of any unusual river conditions	Invasive species in the environment	1	В	Low	x	x	x	x
					Going afloat and landing	g								
1	Congestion in the boating area	Crews are to be called for boating strictly by rotation and in sequence.	Ensure that Marshalls, coaches and crews are adequately briefed	Collision in boating area	If rescue is required, this will be co- ordinated by Regatta Control via 2- way radios.	Ensure that Marshalls are properly equipped (radios, throw lines, etc.) and adequately briefed.	Minor injury or Cold water immersion leading to mild hypothermia	2	С	Low	x			
					Handling boats on land				! !					
1	Boats being moved in the presence of pedestrians and cyclists	Public space, no restrictions on public movements	Include in briefing to competitors and marshals	Collision of boat or cyclist with pedestrian.	Marshall contacts Race Control, who summons alerts Medical Officer and First Aid by radio.	Ensure that first aiders, etc., are competent and properly equipped. Check that radios work properly and that users are competent to use them.	Slight physical injury	2	С	Low	x			
2		Marshals and coaches to supervise boat movements at all times	Include in briefing to competitors and marshals	Collision of boat or cyclist with pedestrian.										
	-			Faulty, incorrec	ctly set and poorly maint	ained equipment								
1	Failure of Rescue launch	All rescue boats and engines checked in week prior to event. Race will continue; Marshalls have full sight of the course from the start line and can use megaphone to control most of the race – finish judges to take control over last 150m.		Launch breaks down during a race	Any available launchs in the vicinity will take over the duties	Ensure that launch drivers are appropriately briefed.		2	В	Low	x			
2					Launch driver will radio to Race Control to advise of problem; Race control to summon rescue launch to retrieve the broken-down launch and recover to the boat house for repair.	Ensure that communications are offective		2	В	Low	x			
	Gas leak	Well maintained equipment	Regular servicing by a qualified engineer.	Carbon monoxide(CO) leak	CO monitor installed in clubhouse.	Procedure printed next to monitor explaining steps to be taken if alarm sounds.	CO poisoning	2	A	Low		x		x
	i			Pre-existing h	ealth conditions and low	levels of fitness							i	
1	Pre-existing health conditions			Collapse of athlete on landing stages (e.g., asthma attack or serious fall)	Official contacts Race Control, who summons lifeguards and safety boat to assist and alerts Medical Officer and First Aid by radio.	Ensure that Officials are properly briefed and equipped and that there are competent, well equipped first aiders, etc.	Serious health implications for competitor	3	В	Low	х			

2	Pre-existing health conditions			Collapse of athlete during a race (e.g., asthma attack)	Official contacts Race Control, who summons lifeguards and safety boat to assist and alerts Medical Officer and First Aid by radio.	Ensure that all Officials are properly briefed and equipped and that there are competent, well equipped first aiders, etc.	Serious health implications for competitor	3	С	Moderate	х			
	Pre-existing health conditions	Clubs are required to ensure athletes are competent and fit to complete the course.		Incapacitation	Official contacts Race Control, who summons lifeguards and safety boat to assist and alerts Medical Officer and First Aid by radio.	Ensure that all Officials are properly briefed and equipped and that there are competent, well equipped first aiders, etc.	Serious health implications for competitor	3	С	Moderate	x	x	x	x
	-			•	Other	•			I					
1	Use of towpath by cyclists and pedestrians	Cycling is permitted in the spectators' area.	Ensure that Marshalls, coaches and crews are adequately briefed	Collision involving cyclists and pedestrians on the towpath	Provisions for first aid, medical treatment, and casualty evacuation to hospital.	Ensure that first aiders, etc., are competent and properly equipped. Check that radios work properly and that users are competent to use them.	Minor injury to spectators and cyclists	2	в	Low	х			
2	Fire in the buildings	Cooking is taking place	Safe operation of cookers	Fire around cooking area	Ensure Fire Extinguishers are easily to hand	Ensure Tea Tent operators know where fire extinguishers are located and how to raise the alarm (horn)	Serious damage to people and buildings.	3	В	Low			x	x
3	Fire whilst refuelling	Boats may need refuelling during the event	Refuelling must be ashore	Spillage or Fire	Refuel ashore, use appropriate funnels, ensure fire extinguishers are available	Ensure Fire Extinguishers are correct type (not water)	Damage to person refuelling	2	В	Low		x	x	
4	Obstruction of Marshals sight lines by Spectators			Marshalls are unable to supervise boat movements	Ensure barriers are in place around marshalls stations	Ensure they remain in place throughout the event		2	В	Low	х			
5	Safeguarding	Marshalls and Coaches are unaware of the welfare officer details	Ensure Welfare Officer details are in the safety notes	Complaint by competitor or coach	Ensure complaints are handled appropriately	Keep a record of complaints	Welfare issues	2	A	Low	х	Х	x	
6	Safeguarding			Suspicious Activity or filming	Approved or known photgraphers	Check identity	Publication of pictures without permission	2	В	Low	х	x	x	
7	Slips, trips and falls.	Keep the landing stage clear of blades, shoes and trestles	Marshals stationed on the landing stage to aid boating and monitor.		First aider stationed at the club house.		Injury	3	С	Moderate	х	Х		x
8	Antisocial behaviour.	Issue warning of a penalty to competitors.	Umpires along the course and marshals in boating areas. Welfare officer at event.	Abuse/bullying.	Contact club representative to discuss issue/ involve police if a serious incident.	Welfare officer present at event.	Abuse.	2	В	Low	х	Х		x
Nogles 1. All	Invasive species introduction to the river. boats will be licensed.	https://www.nonnativespecies.org/ what-can-i-do/check-clean-dry/		Harm to ecosystem	Notify the CRT of unusual species		Harm to ecosystem.	1	A	Low	х	х		x

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			People	Assets	Highly improbable (has not been known to happen in rowing)	Improbable (has been known to happen in rowing)	Possible (could happen to about 1% of the club's active members per decade)	Probable (could happen to about 1% of the club's active members per year)	Highly probable (could happen to about 10% of the club's active members per year)					
		1	Slight injury or health effect (Requires little or no treatment; no need to take time off rowing or training)	Minor damage to equipment (<£100)	Low	Low	Low	Low	Moderate					
		2	Minor injury or health effect (Requires First Aid or rest; potentially a few days off rowing or training)	Damage repair costs low (£500)	Low	Low	Low	Moderate	Substantial					
Şe	everity	3	Moderate injury or health effect (Requires treatment beyond simple First Aid; potentially a week or so off rowing or training)	High damage repair costs (>£1000)	Low	Low	Moderate	Substantial	Intolerable					
		4	Major injury or health effect (Requires hospital treatment for more than one day; potentially a few weeks off rowing or training)	Very high damage repair costs (loss of boat, 3rd party damage)	Low	Moderate	Substantial	Intolerable	Intolerable					
		5	Fatality or Life Threatening Injury or Health Effect (could end a rowing career or cause hospitalisation for a few months)	Major damage & major costs (loss of several boats, high 3rd party damage)	Moderate	Substantial	Intolerable	Intolerable	Intolerable					
			Low	An acceptable level of risk. No additional barriers/controls Start or continue the activity bu		parriers/controls remain	effective.							
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1	A	Phone to summon assistance	Map showing navigation rules in boathouse	X	Launch	Ensure that rowers are always accompanied by the coaching launch
2	В	Navigation rules	Enforce procedure to carry mobile phone in waterproof carrier		Capsize drill	Ensure capsize drills are run at the start of each season as a minimum. Keep a record
3	С	Cox, bow steer competence	Club registration of coxes and bow steers competence		Steering competence	Ensure rowers become approved steers by passing the steering assessment.
4	D	Club rescue launch	Ensure club rescue launch and crew are on the water or available and ready to boat at all times		Coaching	Ensure that rowers are coached in the correct handling of less stable boats
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Event Committee	Event RSA	Umpires & Marshalls	Control Commissions	other			
Prepare and provide safety briefing and inform coaches and crews that they must read it.			Ensure that Umpires checking equipment have instructions and a checklist				
Send Safety plans to clubs and instruct them to inform their crews. Display safety plan.							
Ensure that there is sufficient safety cover.	Check safety equipment prior to use.				- BRITISHRC	JWING	
Ensure that there are sufficient Umpire's launches.	Ensure that launch drivers are appropriately briefed.						
Ensure that first aiders, etc., are competent and properly equipped.							
Ensure that Marshals, Umpires, Coaches and crews are adequately briefed on response to lightning							
Any variation from 30/30 rule to be agreed Adviser, Starter. Race Committee Chairm	d unanimously by Event Chairman, Safety nan and all members of Race Committee.						
Ensure that Umpires are properly equipped and briefed							
Ensure that Warning notices are displayed for pleasure craft at each end of the regatta course, requesting craft to travel at very slow speed.							
Ensure that Umpires and Race Control are properly equipped and briefed							
Ensure that Marshalls are properly equipped (throw lines, etc.) and adequately briefed.							
Ensure that communications are effective.							
Ensure that caterers are adequately briefed (on plastic "glasses")							
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Low	An acceptable level of risk. No additional barriers/controls are required. Start or continue the activity but check that the current barriers/controls remain effective.
Moderate	An acceptable level of risk that should be reviewed. Implement additional barriers/controls to reduce the risk if the opportunity arises. Start or continue the activity with care.
Substantial	An unacceptable level of risk. Improve the barriers/controls and allocate resources to reduce the risk. Do not start or continue the activity until the risk has been reduced.
Intolerable	An unacceptable level of risk. Improve the barriers/controls and allocate resources to reduce the risk. Do not start or continue the activity until the risk has been reduced. Prohibit the activity if it is not possible to reduce the risk.