

CHESTER-LE-STREET REGATTA - SUNDAY 30th APRIL 2017

RISK ASSESSMENT

HAZARD	PEOPLE AFFECTED	LEVEL OF RISK	EXISTING CONTROL MEASURES	AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT
Environment				
Course unsuitable for rowing	Competitors & Launch Crew	Medium. Non-tidal & sheltered stretch of water with access along full stretch	Environment Agency River Forecast & Weather Forecast. First light course inspection on Regatta Day Safety briefing on Regatta Day. Experienced Umpires, Marshals & Launch Crew in attendance.	Enhance role of Regatta Safety Advisor
Physical				
Boats go over the weir	Competitors & Launch Crew	Medium. Weir is 400m past the finish & the drop is less than 1m.	Details of weir included in the safety plan issued to competing clubs. Launch to be stationed just after the finish and before the weir.	
Collision between boats on the river	Competitors	Medium	The entire course is to be buoyed. Launch to be deployed at the bend. Umpires & Marshals along full length of the course including start & finish marshalling areas. Circulation pattern on the water to be issued to competing clubs prior to the Regatta	

Collision between boats & or people in or around the landing stage	Competitors, Coaches, Spectators, Umpires & Marshals	Low	Landing stage to be heavily marshalled with access controlled. Area between landing stage & boat trailers to exclude spectators. Helpers available to assist crews entering & exiting the water.	
Collision with the river banks & or obstructions(s) in the river	Competitors & Launch Crew	Medium. One known obstruction in the river.	Map of course with key features issued to competing clubs prior to the Regatta. Umpires & Marshals along the full length of the course. Known obstruction (tree lodged in river bed) to be buoyed with Marshal on riverbank at this point.	
Management of boat trailers & boats	Competitors, Towing vehicle drivers & spectators	Low	Separate parking area designated for trailers, vehicles carrying boats & towing vehicles. Marshals to oversee parking of trailers and towing vehicles. Direct access from designated area to landing stage.	
Management of general car parking	Competitors, Coaches. Spectators, Umpires & Marshals	Low	Three existing hard standing car parks owned by County Council, provided for exclusive use on Regatta Day. Marshals to oversee car parking and traffic flow. There will be car-parking charges on Regatta Day.	NB- include number of spaces when known
Spectating on Lumley Road Bridge (B1284) & crossing from one side to the other	Competitors, Coaches, Spectators & Marshals	High	Durham Constabulary advised of the event and specifically consulted on this aspect of crowd control. Reminder on road safety to be included in the safety information issued to competing clubs before the event.	No spectators allowed on bridge

Spectator Area adjacent to finish	Competitors, Coaches, Spectators & Marshals	Low	All persons to be advised to keep to the path side of the barrier. Signs and additional warning tape to be installed on the day of the regatta.	
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Facilities				
Sufficient provision of changing & toilet facilities	Everyone attending the Regatta	Low	Sea Cadets who are co-located with the Rowing Club are making their changing & toilet facilities available.	
Provision of catering complies with hygiene regulations	Everyone attending the Regatta	Medium	Sea Cadets to provide catering on day for all hot food. Cold cake stall to be manned by club members. Person helping with catering is fully qualified catering Manger of District Council. Menu is being developed taking account of facilities & customer groups.	
Sufficient provision of First Aid Cover	Everyone attending the Regatta	Low	St John Ambulance has been consulted over the event and will be in attendance.	

Equipment				
Boats, blades & clothing are not up to the required standard	Competitors, Umpires, Marshals & Launch Crew	Medium	Standards to be outlined to competing clubs prior to the Regatta. Standards to be included in the safety meeting on the day of the Regatta. Sample of equipment & competitors to be checked.	
Safety & Communication equipment is not tested & in place	Competitors, Umpires, Marshals & Launch Crew	Medium	Regatta Safety Advisor to draw up list of required equipment, arrange for testing, training as required and to control issue & return. Full PA System is in place to assist with safety, running of the Regatta and prize giving.	

Provision of qualified Launch Drivers	Competitors, Umpires, Marshals & Launch Crew	Low	Sea Cadets are providing three launches & have four RYA Stage 3 qualified Launch Drivers. Drivers know this stretch of river well as this is their home river.	
Sufficient volunteers in place to run the event	Everyone attending the Regatta	Low	Northern Rowing Council Umpires and key personnel from local clubs are being drafted in to help out. Chester le Street Rowing Club has a volunteer base of around 50 people.	

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