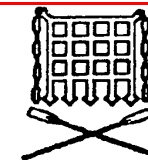


Wallingford Winter Head Risk Assessment 2007



Hazard	Potential Outcome	Likelihood	Measures to reduce risk	Overall risk
Information to Regatta Staff:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff not informed of duties and responsibilities 	Incorrect advise, endangering participants, damage to equipment.	Low	Launch drivers briefed prior to event. Marshals and drivers are issued written instructions before the event and briefed on the morning of the race.	Low
Vehicles & cycle movements and use:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fall hazard while unloading boats 	Injury to participants and/or damage to boats	Low	Reliance on competency of crews. The ARA provides guidelines on trailers and towing.	Low
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collision hazard due to trailers, boats and cars 	Injury to participants and/or damage to boats	Moderate	Car park marshals to ensure trailers and cars are parked to allow adequate space to manoeuvre boats & people. No spectator cars or cars without boats to be allowed access to trailer park. Car Park Marshals to direct to alternative parking (Competitor car park on map)	Low
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slip or fall hazard due to icy surfaces. 	Injury to rowers and/or damage to boats	Moderate	Car park marshals to advise participants if surfaces slippery. SODC maintained carpark in good order. Competency and common sense of	Low

All Boat Movements on the Water are covered by the Amateur Rowing Association Water Safety Code.

The Code applies to all participants, who are responsible for self-policing the code. Further coaches, marshals, and all regatta officials enforce the code.

Failure to comply with any part of that code in relation to equipment or behaviour will lead to the crew or participants not being able to go afloat, race, or in the event of occurring when racing will lead to disqualification.

Landing stages

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| • Trip hazard due to poor condition of raft planking | Injury to rowers and/or damage to boats | Moderate | Rafts will be inspected prior to event and broken/damaged planks repaired | Low |
| • Trip hazard due to items being left on the landing stages | Injury to rowers and/or damage to boats | Moderate | Raft marshals instructed to minimise time crew equipment is left on staging. | Low |
| • Slip hazard due to frost / ice. | Injury to rowers and/or damage to boats | Moderate | Rafts gritted and salted if temperatures close to freezing. | Low |

Prior to race start

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| • Collision with other boats on way to start. | Injury to rowers and/or damage to boats | Moderate | On water safety cover provided from 90 minutes prior to the start.

Reliance on competency of crews & coaches, and compliance with WSC.

All crews will be heading in the same direction and supervised by marshals. | Low |
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long wait in marshalling area prior to start 	<p>Potential for hypothermia</p>	<p>Moderate, varies according to December weather.</p>	<p>Reliance on competency of crews and coaches supported by Amateur Rowing Association Coach education programme.</p> <p>Raft marshals to advise crews thought to have inadequate protection for the current conditions. Crews may be prevented from boating if clothing is inadequate.</p> <p>Start marshals will adjust race order or start times if confirmed that all participants present and the course is clear.</p>	<p>Low</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marshals stationary during the race and pre-race period. 	<p>Potential for hypothermia</p>	<p>Moderate, varies according to December weather.</p>	<p>Marshals advised re clothing in instructions and to bring warm drink.</p> <p>A majority of the marshals are also coaches so have participated in the Amateur Rowing Association Coach education programme.</p>	<p>Low</p>
<p>During race</p>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incidents involving other racing crews 	<p>Injury to rowers and/or damage to boats</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>All racing is carried out under ARA Rules of Racing and in compliance with the Water Safety Code (WSC).</p> <p>All marshals and race officials are in radio contact. In addition all officials</p>	<p>Low</p>

are requested to bring mobile phones and ensure race control has their numbers as a backup.

2 boats from Old Windsor Lifeguards stationed at 1/ downstream of the S bends, immediately above the start & 2/ at the new road bridge.

All boats on the water will have an experienced operative on board to assist participants in the event of an on the water incident.

Additional boats will be stationed in the start marshalling area. These include two catamarans suitable for safety boats.

Marshals monitors stationed along course will advise boats to move as necessary if there is a safety issue.

Marshals are located in launches as well as on the bank.

- Acute illness, including the collapse of participants due to asthma, heart problems or any condition leading to unconsciousness

Death, brain damage, long term health problems.

Low

Briefing and safety plan for Marshals details the process for such an occurrence, including the option to summon emergency services direct.

Low.

Dependant upon participants being self-aware and advising their crews and the race officials of any potential health problems. Joining safety

instructions emphasise participant responsibilities.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capsize 	<p>Potential hypothermia</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Marshals stationed along course can summon safety boats, which are distributed along the course. See also WSC & Coach education programme.</p> <p>Eights and Fours are stable boats and unlikely to capsize.</p> <p>The water and air temperatures are unlikely to be low enough in early December to cause hypothermia given short exposure</p>	<p>Low</p>
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Thunder Storms & Inclement Weather:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heavy rains, hail or snow. 	<p>Increased risk of hypothermia, swamping of boats.</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Race committee to take advice from along the course as to conditions and assess risk.</p> <p>Race times may be adjusted, postponed or the division abandoned.</p>	<p>Low.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lightning 	<p>Severe injury, death or damage to equipment and structures.</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Race Committee to apply 30 second / 10 minute rule. When gap between visible lightning and thunder is 30 seconds or less, racing to be stopped, and where possible water to be cleared.</p> <p>All clear when lightning gap / thunder exceeds 30 seconds for 10 minutes.</p>	<p>Very Low</p>

Hazards on the course:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trees on the race line 	Injury to rower and damage to boats	Low	Overhanging trees cut back Marshals stationed at residual risk areas who will warn boats if safety may be compromised	Low
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • River Traffic 	Collision, injury to rowers and damage to boats	Low	Few cruisers in December Other clubs on the reach to be advised of the event	Low
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moulsoford Bridge 	Collision with bridge	Low	Marshals at bridge to assist passage	Low