

# Risk Assessment

Event – Olderfleet Rowing Club – Masters Coastal Championships 2025

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<b>COLLISION</b>																	
1	Collision with motor vehicle in launching area.	Moderate injury to competitors and the general public	3	B	L	Only vehicles towing boats will be allowed into the area. Only competitors launching the boats will have access. Marshalls will control access at all times. Emergency vehicle access will be maintained at all times.	Trailers will be directed where to park. Parking controls to be maintained all day.	Instruct marshals to control area	Deploy extra marshals	X		X					
2	Collision of boats with pedestrians, collision between boats on land in launching area.	Slight injury to competitors and the general public and minor damage to boats	1	C	L	Marshals in launching area will control the flow of boats. Where possible crews should have spotter with them when moving boats to and from slip areas.	The launching area will be policed by marshals and there will be delineated areas for boats on and off to avoid conflict	Instruct marshals to control area	Deploy extra marshals	X		X		X			
3	Collision of boats with pedestrians, collision between boats on land in boating area	Slight injury to competitors and the general public and minor damage to boats	1	C	L	Marshals in boating area will control the flow of boats.	The boating area will be policed by marshals and there will be delineated areas for boats on and off to avoid conflict	Instruct marshals to control area	Deploy extra marshals	X		X		X			
4	Collision with other boats and launches	Trauma injuries from collision, drowning of competitors	4	B	M	All clubs will be issued with a regatta circulation plan. There will be a minimum of 4 rescue boats on the water throughout the event. Safety boats are in radio contact with the regatta control.	Regatta control & marshals to reinforce safety messages and the need to adhere to the regatta circulation plan. Safety boat drivers to be briefed to the regatta circulation pattern.	St John Ambulance will be in attendance. There will be mobile phones available in the Regatta Control and an ambulance can be called. The nearest A&E department is within 24miles away and they have been informed of the event. Ambulances will be directed to the main public carpark to meet any injured persons coming off the water.	Maintain rescue cover.	X	X		X	X			
5	Collisions with coastline. Could lead to capsizing or sinking	Could lead to capsizing or swamping hence immersion. Slight injury to competitors and minor damage to boat	1	C	L	Safety boats will steer crews if necessary.	Vigilance of safety crews & marshals.	Rescue boats and regatta officials available to assist	Maintain rescue cover.	X	X		X	X			
<b>IMMERSION</b>																	
6	Capsize	Competitors subject to immersion, drowning & hypothermia.	5	A	M	Major/fatal consequences highly unlikely. Minor consequences possible, e.g. somebody may fall in. All competitors are expected to adhere to the principle of staying with the boat and by doing will reduce the risk of accidents and, if they do occur, their consequences. Checks on boats will be carried out at the Safety Officers discretion.	Safety Officer and marshals to be thorough in checking the safety of boats so far as is practicable. All crews briefed with copies of the circulation pattern	There will be minimum of 4 safety boats on the water throughout the regatta. Safety boats are in radio contact with the regatta control and with St John's Ambulance on duty.	Maintain rescue cover. Ensure first aid available.	X	X	X	X	X			
7	Bare feet in water	Cuts	3	B	L	Instructions to competitors to wear foot ware	Instructions issued to all competing clubs.	Provision of first aid.	Ensure first aid available.	X		X	X	X			

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8	Inclement weather.	Can lead to capsizes, swamping, hypothermia, drowning of competitors, club members, officials	3	C	M	The Regatta Safety Adviser will be monitoring the water conditions. Any changes will be communicated to all concerned as soon as possible and with the appropriate consultation. The safety cover for the event is deemed sufficient to cope with all reasonably foreseeable changes in conditions	Continuous monitoring of conditions including feedback from coaches and officials.	The regatta will be operating the 30/30 rule in the event of lightning and there are many areas around the event where people can be safely evacuated.	In the event of an increase in risk, consideration will be given to withdrawal of higher risk events or complete abandonment with appropriate procedures.	X	X	X	X	
<b>SLIPS, TRIPS AND FALLS</b>														
9	General slips, trips, and falls	Slight injuries to competitors, officials and spectators	1	C	L	There will be qualified first-aiders on duty at a fixed site throughout the regatta. The providers of the safety cover will also be providing first aid to the event.	Maintain first aid services.	If in the opinion of the first aid team a casualty needs hospital treatment they will be taken by car or ambulance dependent on the severity of the injury. The nearest A&E department is 24miles from the event and they have been informed of the event. Mobile phones will be available at Registration, Regatta Control and several other areas in the regatta area. Reception is universally good throughout the site.	Marshals will be in place to ensure that the access road to the regatta site is kept clear throughout the day.	X		X		X
10	Falling into the water and obstructing marshalling leading to minor injuries	Slight injuries to spectators and competitors	1	C	L	Marshals are present around the site. Adherence to FISA, the rules of racing and organising an event. Life rings are prominently positioned on the beach.	Comprehensive information is sent to all clubs competing regarding safety of spectators and competitors at the site. Local authority and police are aware that event is taking place	As for general slips, trips, and falls	As for general slips, trips, and falls	X		X		X
11	Congestion at the landing stage	Slight injuries to spectators, competitors and officials, minor boat damage.	1	D	L	Marshals are present at the stages throughout.	Crews will be encouraged to keep their blades with their boats or trailers.	As for general slips, trips, and falls	As for general slips, trips, and falls	X		X		X
12	Tripping / falling in boating area while getting afloat, damaging equipment in shallows	Slight injuries to competitors and officials, minor boat damage.	1	C	L	Marshals on duty.	Continued warnings to crews	As for general slips, trips, and falls	As for general slips, trips, and falls	X		X		X
<b>OTHER</b>														
13	Catering. Burns, scalds.	Injuries to spectators, competitors, club members	3	B	L	A fire extinguisher will be available in the kitchen, Ballygally Community Hall.	Warning by staff of hot food and drink.	First aid kit available at catering facility.	As for general slips, trips, and falls	X		X		

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14	Catering. Lack of hygiene.	Illness (possibly food poisoning) of spectators, competitors, club members	3	B	L	Preparers of food to be aware of the hygienic handling and preparation of food and the dangers of hot drinks.	Maintenance of hygiene	If in the opinion of the first aid team a casualty needs hospital treatment they will be taken by car or ambulance dependent on the severity of the injury. The nearest A&E department is 24miles from the event and they have been informed of the event.	As for general slips, trips, and falls	X		X			
15	Blockage of path/road preventing approach of emergency vehicles	Delay in arrival/departure of ambulance or other assisting vehicles, exacerbating injury	3	B	L	Parking marshals will be present to direct traffic to carparks. Marshals will ensure no unauthorised parking on main road.	Parking controls to be maintained all day	Instruct marshals to clear path	Deploy extra marshals	X		X		X	
16	Loss of communications	Inability or delay to rescue, excessive time on water for crews	3	C	M	Use mobile phones of key personnel	Maintain list of key mobile phone numbers, brief key personnel	Recommission radios or reduce size of regatta.	Provide or replace radios. Agree cancelled events with coaches.	X	X	X		X	
17	Loss or failure of rescue boats	Inability or delay to rescue	3	C	M	Employ recognised rescue service.	Brief rescue service.	Reduce scope of event.	Agree scope reduction with coaches	X	X		X		

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