

Accident & Emergency Plan

The accident and emergency plan should be put into action immediately in the following circumstances:

- If any person is injured while taking part in the regatta
- If any person is involved in an accident which could consequently cause injury to competitors or officials taking part in the regatta.
- If key race officials consider safety to be compromised due to inclement weather conditions

All umpires and officials should know where their nearest communication point is situated.

In the event of an accident, or severely adverse weather conditions prevailing, all Umpire's first duty is to the safety of the competitor. If closer than 6 miles/10km (lightning/thunder gap < 30 sec.). racing will be suspended. Crews off water. Proper shelter sought e.g. within boathouse. Racing resumed after 30mins of no thunder/lightning.

Following an accident on the river, or should weather conditions be considered a safety risk by key race officials, the following procedure should take place:

All racing on the course must be stopped immediately.

In the event of an accident, the safety boat should be notified of the accident and it's location, via the communication system to **Race Control**. All umpires on the course should be notified of the situation.

Race Control should be notified to inform the First Aid point (which is located near the Landing Stage) and, if necessary, contact the appropriate emergency services.

In the case of an accident, the Regatta Medical Officer should be located and informed of the situation, via the communication system and Race Control.

In the event of lightening strike, shelter should be sought inside the boathouse, or within your vehicle.

All officials and umpires should prevent crews from boating, or proceeding to the Start if afloat.

No umpire or official should use the communication channel unless it is deemed necessary and connected with the incident, until notified the incident is clear.

All umpires should be regularly informed of the situation once the above procedure has been started.

Racing can only restart following a statement from Race Control that the course is clear and any injured persons are safe and being attended to in an appropriate manner.

The Safety Advisor acting on behalf of Stratford-upon-Boat Club is Chris Best.

A St John Ambulance Unit is available near the Landing Stage Area.

The nearest Accident & Emergency Unit is at Warwick Hospital, 24 hours a day (telephone 01926 495321).

A 999 or 112 call will bring an ambulance

A public payphone is available in the car park opposite the Boat Club.

An emergency mobile telephone is located upstairs in the club house kitchen.

An Emergency telephone for public use is situated on the riverside path, on the clubhouse side of the river, adjacent to the Avon Bowling Club.