**SUABC REGATTA A & E PLAN**

**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 or any other issue

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

Visitors, competitors etc are encouraged to report any such incident to the nearest regatta official who will take the appropriate action

**In the event of an accident, or severely adverse weather conditions prevailing, all umpires’ first duty is to the safety of the competitor(s) or the person(s) involved**.

Lightening: 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 approaching the incident must be stopped immediately. No further races are to be started.**
* In the event of an accident, the safety boat will be notified of the accident and its location on channel 1. All umpires on the course will be notified of the situation.
* Regatta Control to ensure First Aid have been notified of the incident and, if necessary, contact the appropriate emergency services.
* In the case of an accident involving injury, the Regatta Medical Officer should be located and informed of the situation via Regatta Control.
* In the event of lightning strike, shelter should be sought inside the boathouse, or within your vehicle.
* All officials should prevent crews from boating or proceeding to the Start.
* **No umpire or official should use their radio unless it is relevant to the incident. This rule remains in force until notified the incident is clear.**
* Racing can only restart following a decision from the Water Safety Advisor and Co-Ordinating Umpire. This will follow confirmation any injured persons are safe and being attended to in an appropriate manner. A statement will then be issued by the Co-ordinating Umpire that racing can resume. The Traffic Marshal will confirm if the course is clear.

The Safety Advisor acting on behalf of Stratford-upon-Boat Club is Shân Stokes (07890 093372).

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.