**Stratford-upon-Avon Boat Club Annual Regatta 2019**

**Event Safety Plan**

**1. Introduction**

* Event Hosted by Stratford-upon-Avon Boat Club
* Course Location – River Avon, Recreation Ground, Stratford Upon Avon
* Full course 500m
* Participants will be junior rowers
* Level of experience of competitors will be from beginner through to experienced

The Regatta will endeavour to provide a safe environment within British Rowing ‘Row Safe: A Guide to Safe Practice in Rowing’. The safety plan explains safety measures that have been introduced as a result of the event risk assessment and specific details linked to British Rowing’s requirements.

Competitors are specifically reminded that persons using the river do so entirely at their own risk and are solely responsible for the following

1. Their own safety
2. Ensuring that their boats are safe and are prepared with the guidelines by British Rowing’s ‘RowSafe: A Guide to Safe Practice in Rowing’ in mind; and the requirements of the Rules of Racing. Any boat that is found to fail to meet the standard shall be excluded.
3. The strict observance of the circulation pattern (See maps).
4. Deciding together with their coaches, if they are competent to take part in the event with the weather and river conditions prevailing at the time.
5. Following all instructions contained in the “Instructions to Competitors” document

**2. Event Organisation**

**Event Committee**

This event is organised by Stratford upon Avon Boat Club. The Event Committee includes the following personnel:

Organising Committee

Dawson Curnock - Regatta Secretary

Mark Dewdney - Race Committee Chair

Richard Shepherd– Event Safety Advisor

Stephen Rose – Event Medical Advisor

Jen Carey – Umpiring

Katie Hodgson – Event Welfare Advisor

Chris Best – Bar / Public Catering/ Sponsorship

Jane Hadland – VIP Catering

Race Committee

Mark Dewdney - Race Committee Chair

Jen Carey

Duty Co-ordinating Umpire

**The Course**

The course is located on the River Avon adjacent to Stratford upon Avon Boat Club, O.S. reference SP205547.

The Start is a staggered, free start positioned downstream of the clubhouse, near to the Holy Trinity Church and upstream of the weir.

Racing is in an upstream direction over 500m. The finish is straight and is located at the edge of the clubhouse grounds. See maps.

Circulation and Regatta Site maps show the positions of Boating Pontoons, Boat Pairing area, Start location, Finish location and Disembarking/’Boats Off’ location, etc

**The Event Safety Plan is made up of the following documents; each of which serves a specific purpose.**

1. **General Information. This document**
2. **The Event Risk Assessment**
3. **Event Safety Policy and Procedures**
4. **Event Accident and Emergency Plan – to be employed in case of incident**
5. **Event Safety Communications**
6. **Notice to Competitors**
7. **Regatta Site Map**
8. **Regatta Circulation Pattern**
9. **Event Welfare Policy**
10. **Regatta Radio Protocol**
11. **Regatta Officials – Roles and Responsibility**
12. **Instructions for Specific Officials**

**These documents provide a full picture of the Event Safety Plan.**

**The roles and responsibilities of each participant (official, competitor, etc) are defined in these documents.**

**The Event Safety Plan is designed to provide, in all normal circumstances, a safe event for all concerned.**