



Bewdley Rowing Club

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Annual Regatta Risk Assessment 2018

Hazard	Controls	Likelihood with Controls in Place	Severity with Controls in Place	Risk with Controls in Place
High Water	<p>Race Committee (RC) to assess water level on Friday evening, Saturday morning and throughout the regatta</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If above first narrow step and rising, RC to consider suspension of Junior racing • If above second narrow step and rising, RC to consider suspension of 1x, 2x and 2- racing • If above third narrow step and rising, RC to consider suspension of all racing 	Low	High	Medium
Low Water	<p>If the course cannot be rowed without damage to equipment, RC to consider suspension of racing</p> <p>If shallows outside of racing lanes pronounced enough to be of concern then these areas are to be buoyed off. Marshalls to inform crews as progressing up river</p>	Medium	Low	Low
Other River Users	<p>Local canoe companies informed of regatta date and asked to avoid parties on river that weekend</p> <p>Racing suspended while canoeists/other river users on course.</p> <p>Marshalled into one group to proceed downstream</p>	Low	Low	Little or None

Stormy Weather	Racing to be suspended on order of any official if lightening follows thunder within 30 seconds. All crews/officials/spectators to be guided to safe shelter (NOT tents/marquees) until 30 minutes after storm has passed. Alternative PA system to be set up in clubhouse so communication can continue (control PA open to elements)	Low	High	Medium
Windy Weather	RC to consider suspending racing if too windy for crews to align in a controlled manner at the start. Aligner/Start Umpire to assess throughout event	Low	Medium	Low
Cold/Wet Weather	Crews reminded at boating up that they should wear sufficient clothing to protect against weather. Coxes and Coaches also to take responsibility Consider provision of drying facilities to cope with prolonged rain	Medium	Low	Low
Hot Weather	Crews reminded to cover up, wear hats, apply suncream and drink plenty of water to avoid sunburn/sunstroke	Medium	Low	Low
Accident on the Water	Marshalls with loudhailers monitoring crews, pairing up above start and instructing below finish. Crews to cross to far side of river only when race course is clear as indicated by marshals. No race-pace practicing allowed on river in any circumstances. Marshals and umpires positioned on land and river have radios to report incident. Marshals and umpires to have throw bags. All boats checked (bow balls, heel restraints, buoyancy chambers) before boating. All coxes to wear lifejackets and understanding of operation to be checked. Capsize of boat. Any official/marshal/safety launches to communicate to all others by radio. Racing to be suspended until individual(s) and boat safely on land. Individual(s) to be taken to First Aid post. Cox and crew to remain with boat. Alarm to be raised by cox, other crews, umpires, marshals or safety boat. Club Safety policy to be implemented regarding reporting of incident, dry clothing and waterborne diseases All crews under supervision of umpires, marshals and safety boats	Low	Medium	Low

Injury/Illness to Athlete on Water	Crews can communicate with marshals/safety boats, all of whom have radios. Racing to be suspended to allow safe passage of injured party to club. First Aid situated close to Finish	Low	Medium	Low
Accident Off the Water	Rowers and non-rowers alike will be walking through the boat yard. Marshals to warn them and rowers to stay alert. Site cleared of all unnecessary equipment/debris to allow safe passage of all without trips/falls	Low	Medium	Low
Infection from Bird Faeces/River Water	Steps to landing stage cleared of bird faeces on Friday evening. Constant use of steps on Saturday to keep birds away. Remind people to wash hands after racing and possible contact with faeces/dirt/water especially before eating and drinking. Plenty of hand washing facilities available for use by all	Low	Medium	Low
Communications	All radios charged up before each day's racing. Spare radios and batteries available. Contingency: mobile phones	Low	Low	Little or None

	Severity		
Likelihood	Low	Medium	High
Low	Little or no risk	Low risk	Medium Risk
Medium	Low risk	Medium Risk	High Risk
High	Medium Risk	High Risk	Unacceptable Risk