



## RISK ASSESSMENT 2008

Instructions for Competitors, Officials, Visitors and Coaches are all available on line at [www.wallingford.regatta.org.uk](http://www.wallingford.regatta.org.uk) from a minimum of 14 days prior to the regatta. Provision is made for supplying hard copies as appropriate. Instructions detail such items as circulation patterns for vehicles and boats, location of facilities etc.

**All Boat Movements on the Water are covered by the Amateur Rowing Association Water Safety Code. The Code applies to all participants, who are responsible for self-policing the code. Further, coaches, marshals, umpires and all regatta officials enforce the code.**

**Failure to comply with any part of that code in relation to equipment or behaviour will lead to the crew or participants not being able to go afloat and / or race.**

Hazard	Potential Outcome	Likelihood	Measures to reduce risk	Overall risk
<b>Vehicle &amp; cycle movements and use:</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fall hazard while unloading boats</li> </ul>	Injury to rowers and/or damage to boats	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reliance on competency of crews and coaches. The ARA provides guidelines on trailers and towing.</li> </ul>	Low / Moderate
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collision hazard due to trailers, boats and cars</li> </ul>	Injury to rowers and/or damage to boats	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Car park marshals to ensure trailers and cars are parked to allow adequate space to manoeuvre boats &amp; people and that no speeding is allowed</li> <li>Traffic to rear of centre buildings is restricted, and traffic passage through pedestrian areas limited to coaches on regatta day.</li> </ul>	Low

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No spectator cars are allowed into the athlete/ trailer carparks, but limited to bankside parking under marshal supervision.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collision hazard on roads and paths due to cars and cycles</li> </ul>	Injury to rowers, spectators and/or damage to boats	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Car movements are marshalled along the north access roads and in carpark areas. Coaches have a designated parking area.</li> <li>Bicycles are restricted to the paths &amp; roads on the south side of the Lake on the umpiring island, and to the access roads from the trailer parking areas to the island.</li> <li>Circulation maps for cyclists will be displayed on the website and at Registration.</li> </ul>	Low
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Helicopter landing pad</li> </ul>	Injury to participants or damage to stored items	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dorney staff and all marshals are to ensure that area is permanently clear.</li> </ul>	Low
<b>Landing stages</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trip hazard due to items being left on the landing stages</li> </ul>	Injury to rowers and/or damage to boats	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Raft marshals instructed to minimise time crew equipment is left on staging.</li> <li>Blade storage is provided at the end of the staging to keep blades off the floating stages.</li> <li>Shoes to be cleared from the stages by coaches and raft marshals.</li> </ul>	Low
<b>Prior to race start</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collision with other boats on way to start or in marshalling area</li> </ul>	Injury to rowers and/or damage to boats	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On water safety cover provided from 30 min prior to start.</li> <li>Reliance on competency of crews &amp;</li> </ul>	Low

coaches, and compliance with WSC.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Long wait in marshalling area prior to start</li></ul>	Potential for hypothermia	Low, varies according to May weather.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Circulation patterns on south warm up lake are buoyed; the main race lake will be used for warm down only.</li><li>• Circulation patterns circulated to athletes prior to the event, non-compliance may lead to race penalties being applied.</li><li>• Reliance on competency of crews and coaches supported by ARA Coach education programme.</li><li>• Raft marshals to advise crews, especially coxes, thought to have inadequate protection for the current conditions.</li><li>• Start umpires adjust race order if observed all participants present and an earlier race is awaiting crew(s).</li></ul>	Low
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### During a race

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Incidents involving other racing crews</li></ul>	Injury to rowers and/or damage to boats	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All racing is carried out under ARA Rules of Racing and in compliance with the Water Safety Code (WSC). All races are followed by a launch, which will carry a driver and qualified umpire.</li><li>• Bank marshals along the course will advise boats to move as necessary if there is a safety issue.</li><li>• No warm up on the course, warm down restricted to final 500m and specified lanes. All competitors are advised.</li></ul>	Low
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capsize</li> </ul>	<p>Potential hypothermia</p>	<p>Low</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Umpires &amp; marshals along the course can summon safety boats. See also WSC &amp; Coach education programme.</li> </ul>	<p>Low</p>
<p><b>Thunder storms</b></p>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lightning</li> </ul>	<p>Severe injury, death or damage to equipment and structures.</p>	<p>Low</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Race Committee to apply 30 second / 10 minute rule. When gap between visible lightning and thunder is 30 seconds or less, racing to be stopped, water to be cleared. All tents are to be evacuated, and all spectators to be advised to get into vehicles, to close doors and windows or enter main Dorney building. Then to await all clear.</li> <li>• All clear when lightning gap / thunder exceeds 30 seconds for 10 minutes.</li> <li>• In the case of lightning, all blades MUST be put flat on the ground and not held by athletes or coaches.</li> </ul>	<p>Very Low</p>
<p><b>Inclement Weather</b></p>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Squalls, heavy rain, sleet, snow, fog, severe crosswinds, etc</li> </ul>	<p>Severe injury, death or damage to equipment and structures.</p>	<p>Low</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Race Committee to assess conditions and agree time delay(s), postponement of racing, cancellation of all racing, or cancellation of classes of crews felt to be at particular risk in the conditions.</li> <li>• Participants will be advised of situation over the public address system.</li> </ul>	<p>Low</p>