

BERWICK AMATEUR ROWING CLUB LDS & SBH 8th October 2011

RISK ASSESSMENT

This assessment covers the actions required for Berwick Amateur Rowing Club's Small Boats Head and Northern Rowing Council's Long Distance Scull's competition. The suggested actions form the bases and is essential to make sure the actions are carried out in a safe manner.

Date of Assessment	September 2011	Assessor 1	Sam Seaton
Date of Next Assessment	September 2012	Assessor 2	Alison Inglis

Activity	Initial Risk	Person at Risk	Significant Hazard	Control Measure	Final Risk
High Winds	Med	Competitors, Coxwains	Adverse water conditions could cause possible boat capsize or sinking	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Race control/committee to monitor weather and may suspend or cancel races•Change race to an alternative course•Competitors and coxswains must wear appropriate clothing for inclement weather	Low
Tidal Water	Med	Competitors, Coxwains	At low tide possible boat damage, or run aground. Outgoing tide is will be rapid through bridges, possible damage to boats, capsize or sinking	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Map available showing the recommended course.•Safety instructions issued to competent steersmen and coxwains.•Marshalls deployed along course•Marshall on finish line turning boat quickly facing bows up stream	Low
River in Flood	Med	Competitors, Coxwains	Floating debris and powerful, rapid flowing water causing possible injury, boat damage, boat capsize	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Safety Launch will clear debris where possible.•Race control/committee to monitor water conditions and may suspend or cancel race.	Low

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Boating and Landing	Med	Competitors, Coxwains, assisting boatmen	Collision of boats at boating and landing stages, causing possible injury, boat damage, capsize Uneven surface at boating and landing, possible personal injury to feet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Marshalls on finish line to ensure a speedy turn to face bows upstream •Competitors numbers to be called to boat by marshalls at timely manner to suit race timetable from Tweed Green •Marshalls on finish line instructing the turning boats to face bows upstream •Competitors advised to wear wellingtons when boating and landing 	Low
Boat Collision	Med	Competitors, Coxwains	Boats collide with other rowing boats, river bank or bridges. Possible injury, boat damage, capsize, sinking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Coxwains and steersmen to be of basic competence. •Course Map available •Marshalls deployed along course warning of hazards •Safety instructions issued •Boats to have a 10 second delay off start line 	Low
Personal injury or illness	Med	Competitors, Coxwains, Spectators, members of the public	Injury or illness requiring professional help	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •First Aid cover supplied by Rapid Response •Launch Carries First Aid Box •Procedure to call Emergency Services at Race Control/Berwick Boat House 	Low
Competitor in water	High	Competitor, Coxwains	Competitor in Water from possible capsize, resulting in shock , hypothermia, drowning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Coxwains to wear lifejackets •Competitor to remain with their boats if buoyant •Rapid Safety Launch response •Thermal Blankets available in Berwick Boat Club 	Low

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Jet Skiers and Speed boats	Med	Competitors, Coxwains, members of the public	Collision with speed boats or jet skis. Wake from passing speed boats or jet skis, possible injury, boats damage, capsize, sinking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Race Committee to inform harbour commission of competition date, where possible he will inform other river users. •Competitors to show caution and may need to turn bows or sterns facing the wake reducing the impact. 	Low

Specific items are listed to provide mitigation against the consequences of the hazards at this regatta. These are included in the competitor's instructions. Any breaches or infringements of the BR Rules of Racing, the BR RowSafe or specific local rules as identified in the competitor's instructions will be dealt with by the disciplinary procedures outlined in the BR Rules of Racing.