



BARC, Hirst Weir, Higher Coach Road, Baildon, Shipley, West Yorkshire, BD17 5SP
What3Words: **Start, Think, Glance**

Persons with suspected COVID symptoms must not attend unless they have a negative test result within 24 hours of the event. The clubhouse will be busy and crowded.

WAR OF THE ROSES SAFETY PLAN 2024 **(including Course Map and Local Rules)**

1. DECISION MAKING PROCESS FOR CANCELLATION OF RACING ON THE WATER

The event takes place in April with the possibility of fast, high water and strong winds. The weir is close beyond the finish line of this 'splash and dash' competition over a short 250m course, all within sight of the clubhouse. In the days leading up to the event monitoring and assessment will be undertaken.

1.1 The organisers have good local knowledge of the river, which is predictable over a 24-hour period. They know the river height and wind strength and direction at which competition rowing cannot be permitted.

1.2 SYSTEM FOR DECISION MAKING - The decision will be taken jointly by:
BARC Organising Secretary
BARC Club Water Safety Adviser

taking into account the weather during previous days, the weather forecast, the present height of the river and its fluctuations during the week.

A decision to cancel on water competition will be taken no later than 6.00 p.m. on the evening prior to the event.

1.3 COMMUNICATION OF WATER RACING CANCELLATION - Competing clubs will be contacted by telephone as soon as the decision to cancel on water racing has been made. An indoor rowing competition may be run for those who still wish to attend.

2. RULES APPLYING TO THIS EVENT

2.1 Although it is classed as an Invitation Event, it will be held in the spirit of the British Rowing Rules and Rules of Racing and adhere to the principles of RowSafe.

2.2 Local Rules are written up as Information for Competitors and will be sent to each Club and available on the day of the event.

2.3 Competitors are reminded this is a scratch crew event. Crew members will be of varied competence and abilities. For safe and enjoyable racing listen to and obey the BARC coxes.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

3.1 MOBILE RADIOS - Communication between event control, starter, safety launch, and finish is by specifically tuned radios.

3.2 PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM - The public address system covers the Clubhouse and finish area besides inside the bar/refreshments room of BARC clubhouse. The system provides: -

i. Information to crews from control when they are required to boat.

ii. General information to competitors.

iii. Information to both competitors and supporters in case of emergency.

iv. Commentary on the racing.

3.3 TELEPHONES - There are two landline telephones available for use in case of emergency -

3.3.1 On the wall beside the upstairs bar in BARC Clubhouse - 01274 531859

3.3.2 Emergency Red Phone (999 only) in the main entrance of BARC Clubhouse

3.3.3 Mobile signal is good outside the clubhouse, and a mobile will be available at event control

3.4 OTHER TELEPHONE NUMBERS: -

3.4.1 EMERGENCY - 999, 112 from mobile. What3Words location code is:- **Start, Think, Glance**

3.4.2 Police (non-emergency) – 101

3.4.3 Bradford Royal Infirmary (Accident & Emergency Dept.) - 01274 364012

4) MEDICAL AND FIRST AID

4.1 MEDICAL OFFICER - A medical officer will be in attendance and can be contacted through event control.

4.2 FIRST AID COVER - First aid cover will be provided and can be contacted through event control.

4.3 HOSPITAL - All accident and emergencies are taken to Bradford Royal Infirmary, Duckworth Lane, Bradford, Tel. 01274 364012.

5) EMERGENCY ACTION PLANS

5.1 ACCIDENTS ON THE WATER - If competitors are injured, capsized, or become ill whilst rowing: -

5.1.1 The BARC starter and BARC finish judge will have a 20-metre throw bag.

5.1.2 A stand-by launch will be moored at the finish and summoned through event control if required.

The starter or finish judge will be the person responsible for summoning both medical and emergency cover depending upon the situation.

5.2 ACCIDENTS ON LAND - Competitors and supporters congregate around the finish area and walk and run along the river path. The starter or finish judge with radio contact will summon help through event control if required.

All small children and animals should not be left unattended at any time.

6) SUSPENSION OF RACING

6.1 Although the course will be inspected for obstructions etc. prior to the start of the event, racing will be suspended at any time if it is deemed necessary for safety reasons.

6.2 If racing is stopped because of thunder and lightning, instructions will be given over the public address system. The 30:30 rule will be applied. Safe shelter is in the clubhouse, boathouse or inside vehicles with doors and windows closed. Do not shelter under bankside trees or awnings.

7) CONTROL OF BOATS BOATING, LANDING AND PROCEEDING TO THE START

Because of the narrow limits of the river, it is important to have complete control of all boats for a safe racing environment. This is achieved through the following system: -

7.1 Boating and landing stages are controlled by stage marshals who work closely with event control

7.2 Event control calls crews for boating

7.3 Crews are only allowed to boat if their opponents are also at the boating stage

7.4 BARC coxes will be in control of the BARC provided 'committee' boats. Listen to and obey the cox.

7.5 Crews proceed to the start on the boathouse side of the river

7.6 Landing Stage marshals direct and help crews who have just raced

7.7 Stop rowing at the finish line and hold the boat up as the cox tells you.

7.8 A safety rope is fixed across the river above the weir as a grab line

8) CLUBS' AND COMPETITORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

8.1 EQUIPMENT – BARC will make all reasonable effort to ensure that the equipment being used by competitors is as safe as is reasonably possible.

8.2 ABILITY TO SWIM / CAPSIZE PROCEDURE – It is visiting Clubs' responsibility to ensure participants meet British Rowing swimming ability, capsize skills and health standards.

8.3 RULES OF RACING AND LOCAL RULES - All competitors must make themselves aware of the British Rowing Rules, Rules of Racing, RowSafe and the Information for Crews and Coxswains issued by the Event.

LOCAL RULES & INFORMATION FOR CREWS AND COXSWAINS

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Competitors will receive their crew numbers at registration. Find your other crew members and be ready as a crew for your race.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Only one race number must be worn by whoever is in the Bow seat.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Each crew will be numbered as in the programme, the first named taking the Boathouse (Port) Station.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Crews will be "called" to the landing stages prior to their race and will be "boated" by the Stage Marshall in BARC boats with BARC coxes.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• It is not possible for crews to practice prior to racing, other than during the row up to the start.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Crews proceed to the start on the Boathouse (Port) side of the river.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The finish is indicated by a bell. Stop rowing when you hear your bell.• - One ring Boathouse (Port) station crew• - Two rings Saltaire (Starboard) station crew• Hold the boat up immediately when the cox tells you.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The terms "port" and "starboard" will be used when warning crews who are out of their station.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All other relevant information can be found on the noticeboard by Event Control.

See Course Map/Plan on next page

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War of the Roses Safety Plan

1. All crews must boat and land at stages as directed by the Marshalls
2. All crews must proceed to the start on the boathouse side of the river
3. The Starter will marshal turning at the start
4. The Safety Launch will be positioned between the lower landing stage and the Safety Rope

