



WAR OF THE ROSES SAFETY PLAN 2018 (including Course Map and Local Rules)

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

The event takes place in April and it is possible that river conditions together with adverse winds which could prove dangerous, particularly as there is a weir close to the finish line. With this in mind, the following system of monitoring and decision making is practised in the days leading up to the event.

- 1.1 HIGH WATER - The organisers have good local knowledge of the river, which at the event location is only 18 miles from source and is predictable over a 24-hour period. The organisers also have knowledge of the river height at which event racing would be dangerous and the river height combined with strong wind in the direction of the flow which would be dangerous.
- 1.2 SYSTEM FOR DECISION MAKING - The decision as to the suitability of the river for event racing will be taken jointly by:
 - 1.2.1 The Organising Secretary
 - 1.2.2 The Club's Water Safety Adviser or his nominated deputy.They will take into account the weather during the week leading up to the event: The weather forecast from the Leeds Meteorological Office: The present height of the river and its fluctuations during the week. The decision 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 has been made. The event will be run on land for participating competitors.

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, Rules of Racing and British Rowing RowSafe document.
- 2.2 Local rules are written up as Information for Crews and Coxswains and will be sent to each Club, available on the website (www.bradfordrowing.co.uk) and available on the day of the event.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 MOBILE RADIOS - Communication between event control, starter, safety launch, and finish is by specifically tuned radios, in accordance with radio procedure laid down in RowSafe document. Their positions are as shown on the Safety Plan map.
- 3.2 PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM - The public address system is located to give coverage around the Clubhouse and finish area besides inside the bar/refreshments room of BARC clubhouse. The system provides:-
 - 3.2.1 Information to crews from control when they are required to boat.
 - 3.2.2 General information to competitors.
 - 3.2.3 Information to both competitors and supporters in case of emergency.
 - 3.2.4 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.
A second emergency 999 only Red Phone in the downstairs lobby.
 - 3.3.2 Mobile signal is good, and a mobile will be available at event control, together with the written instructions to the emergency services to direct them to the event.
- 3.4 OTHER TELEPHONE NUMBERS:-
 - 3.4.1 EMERGENCY - 999, or 112 from mobile
 - 3.4.2 Police (non-emergency) - 101
 - 3.4.3 Bradford Royal Infirmary (Accident & Emergency Dept.) - 01274 364012
 - 3.4.4 The Club Safety Adviser, Ron Drake, - 07767 370889

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 - In the event of competitors being injured, capsizing or becoming ill whilst rowing the following assistance can be given:-
- 5.1.1 The starter and finish judge will be issued with a 20 metre throwbag and be advised on local rescue procedures.
- 5.1.2 A stand-by launch will be moored at the finish and summoned through event control if required.
- 5.1.3 All launch crew will follow BARC Launch Safety Rules:
- ✓ Wear designated life jackets.
 - ✓ Launch driver to use the kill cord.
 - ✓ One member in each launch will be a RYA level 2 (or equivalent) powerboat driver.
 - ✓ Start and warm up engine every 30 minutes.
 - ✓ Launch carries a British Rowing Launch Rescue Kit containing a lifejacket, a throw bag, thermal blankets, a knife, a whistle and first aid kit.

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 not only congregate around the finish area, but walk and run along the river path. The starter or finish judge with radio contact will summon help through event control if required.

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 In the event of suspension of racing because of thunder and lightning, appropriate instructions will be given over the public address system to all competitors, supporters and members of the public.
- 'proper shelter' for the regatta is defined as Bradford ARC Clubhouse and boathouses.
 - In the event of hearing thunder the Event Secretary will advise all officials via their radio system of the strong possibility of activating the procedure to suspend racing and ensure that everybody goes to 'proper shelter'. Race Control will also advise all spectators, competitors and officials via the event public address system.
 - The Regatta Secretary will use the "30-30" rule in counting the time between seeing the lightning and hearing the thunder. If it is 30 seconds or less then the Regatta Secretary will implement the procedure to get Competitors, Spectators and Officials to 'proper shelter'.
 - The procedure:
 - The event secretary will inform everyone that racing is suspended, all crews must come off the water and that everyone must seek "proper shelter".
 - The event secretary will advise that "proper shelter" is the club house or boathouses.
 - Crews on the water will be turned in order and paddle into either landing stage, where they and their boat will be assisted quickly off the water by stage marshals.
 - The Starter will walk down the bank to the club house making sure that anyone associated with rowing and the event is urged to go to the designated "proper shelter".
 - The event secretary will use the "30-30" rule to decide when racing can re-start.

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 if a safe racing environment is to be attained. This is achieved through the following system:-

- Boating and landing stages are controlled by stage marshals who work closely with event control.
- Event control calls crews for boating.
- Crews are only allowed to boat if their opponents are also at the boating stage.
- Crews proceed to the start on the boathouse side of the river.
- Landing stage marshals direct and help crews who have just raced.
- A safety rope is fixed across the river above the weir as a grab line.

8) CLUBS' AND COMPETITORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

8.1 EQUIPMENT – Bradford ARC, as the host Club, will ensure that the equipment being used by competitors is safe.

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.