



## SAFETY PLAN

### Docklands Head Safety

This Safety Plan has been formulated to enable the Poplar Dockland Head Organising Committee's responsibilities to be met, taking due account of advice from the British Rowing at the London Regatta Centre.

### Head Safety Adviser and Race Committee

The Head Organising Committee has appointed **Nick Paul** as **Docklands Head, Safety Adviser**. He is a full member of the organising committee and the co-author of this document and the Regatta risk assessment.

The Race Committee comprises **Zoltan Szotyori** (Chair and co-ordinating umpire), plus others to be advised. The Race Committee will undertake the duties detailed in British Rowing rules; in particular they will decide if weather conditions are too dangerous to permit racing to continue.

### British Rowing "Row Safe"

It is mandatory that all crews attending the Docklands Head comply fully with British Rowing Rules of Racing".

The on site British Rowing Umpires will inspect boats for safety related compliance and in addition boats fitted with hatch covers must have these in place and correctly fitted.

No boats will be allowed on the water unless they pass the safety inspection, and in coxed boats that the coxswain is wearing an appropriate life jacket or buoyancy aid in the correct manner. In "front-loader" boats coxswains must wear manually operated gas inflation life jackets. All crew coaches are to ensure that their crews are correctly briefed on "Row Safe".

### Off Water Safety Cover

The Regatta Centre has first aid facility and phone to contact Ambulance if necessary. There are a number of Hospitals in the locality.

### On Water Safety Cover

There will be six safety boats in attendance. They are provided with radios and mobile phones carried by crew. There will also be a marshal under the Connaught Bridge with a megaphone to alert competitors of their approach to the channel between the Royal Victoria Dock and the Royal Albert Dock as seen on the course map.

### **Accidents and Emergencies**

Any official observing a safety related incident must summon assistance from the safety boats by use of mega phone. A list of mobile phone numbers of those on the launches will be given to all marshals and umpires. If felt necessary the race committee will suspend the race if the incident has occurred anywhere on the course. They will also initiate any "999" call by mobile phone should the incident require assistance beyond the scope of that available on the Dockland Head site.

### **Incidents at the Docklands Head**

There will be a Docklands Head Incident Book Held by members of the Race Committee. All safety related incidents, must be recorded in this book.

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