

## Docklands Head 2017 Risk Assessment

Hazard	Potential Outcome	Likelihood	Measures to Reduce Risk	Overall Risk
<b>Vehicles and Cycle Movements</b>				
Fall while unloading boats	Injury to rowers and/or damage to boats	Low	Reliance on competency of crews. The British Rowing provides guidelines on trailers and towing.	Low/ Moderate
Collision hazard due to trailers, boats and cars	Injury to rowers and/or damage to boats	Moderate	No cars will be allowed into the trailer parking area. Towing vehicles will be removed to a separate area.  Car park marshals will encourage trailers to park with adequate space to manoeuvre boats & people.	Low
Collision hazard on roads and paths due to cars and cycles	Injury to rowers, spectators and/or damage to boats	Moderate	Only officials' cars bearing a "Docklands Head Official" sticker will be allowed onto the dockside, outside of the designated parking areas.  Official cars must display hazard warning lights at all times when moving.  Bicycles may not be ridden within the boating enclosure or boating areas.	Low
<b>Boat Movements</b>				
<p>All Boat Movements on the Water are covered by the British Rowing "ROW SAFE" and the Dockland Head safety plan. 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.</p> <p>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.</p>				
<b>General Water Safety</b>				
<p>There will be six Safety Launches at designated positions along the course. Launches will be equipped with radios and crews will have mobile phones. Numbers to be circulated prior to race.</p>				
<b>Landing Stages</b>				

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<p>Trip hazard due to items being left on the landing stages</p>	<p>Injury to rowers and/or damage to boats</p>	<p>Moderate</p>	<p>Pontoon marshals instructed to minimise time crew equipment is left on staging.  An area for storing blades is provided adjacent to the staging to keep blades off the floating stages.</p>	<p>Low</p>
<p>Collision between boats being carried on land</p>	<p>Injury to rowers and/or damage to boats</p>	<p>Moderate</p>	<p>There is a mandatory circulation pattern for going afloat and disembarking.</p>	<p>Low</p>

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<b>Prior to Race Start</b>				
Collision with other boats on way to start or in marshalling area	Injury to rowers and/or damage to boats	Moderate	<p>On water safety cover provided from 30 min prior to start.</p> <p>Reliance on competency of crews &amp; coaches, and compliance with ROW SAFE</p> <p>The circulation pattern is mandatory and is circulated to all clubs prior to the event. Non-compliance may lead to race penalties being applied.</p> <p>There will be a marshal with a mega phone at the narrow channel.</p> <p>There will be a safety boat in the Victoria Dock up from the Connaught bridge directing boats to the South Side of the dock in two lines.</p>	Low
Long wait in marshalling area prior to start	Potential for hypothermia	Moderate/Low, varies according to November weather and wind	<p>Reliance on competency of crews and coaches supported by British Rowing Coach education programme.</p> <p>Start officials adjust race order if observed all participants not present.</p> <p>All crews are expected to have attained basic watermanship skills.</p> <p>All crews to take account of the weather when selecting kit.</p>	Low

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Capsize	Potential hypothermia	Low	<p>Umpires &amp; marshals along the course can summon safety boats. See also ROW SAFE &amp; Coach education programme.</p> <p>All crews are expected to have attained basic watermanship skills.</p>	Low
<b>During the Race</b>				
Incidents involving other racing crews	Injury to rowers and/or damage to boats	Medium	<p>All racing is carried out under British Rowing Rules of Racing and in compliance with ROW SAFE.</p> <p>The circulation pattern is mandatory and is circulated to all clubs prior to the event.</p> <p>Non-compliance may lead to race penalties being applied.</p> <p>All crews are expected to have attained basic watermanship skills.</p> <p>There is enough room for two boats to pass under the bridge when racing but particular care has to be taken by the person steering and coxes.</p> <p>Specific instructions may be given to crews when approaching and going under the Connaught Bridge by Race Marshal.</p> <p><b>Leading crew has priority.</b></p> <p>When going to start all crews to steer to the south side of the dock and take up station according to their race number.</p>	Low/ Moderate

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<b>Thunder Storms</b>				
Lightning	Severe injury, death or damage to equipment and structures.	Low	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 Regatta Centre building. Then to await all clear.  All clear when lightning gap / thunder exceeds 30 seconds for 10 minutes.	Low
High wind causing unsafe conditions	Crews unable to cope with the conditions.	Moderate	The race committee will monitor conditions before racing begins, and throughout the event. Racing will only proceed when it is considered safe by the race committee.	Low
<b>General</b>				
Spectator falling in the dock.*	Injury to spectator.	Moderate	There is a handrail / barrier along the dock edge. Only crew members and coaches will be allowed on the boating pontoons which will be manned by boat marshals throughout the event.	Low
Stake boat crew falling in the dock.	Injury to stake boat crew.	Moderate	All stake boat crew will be briefed on safety and will be supplied with and must wear a buoyancy aid when on the start pontoons.	Low
Spectators or participants slipping or falling.	Injury such as cuts arising from an accident on shore.	Moderate	First Aid Facility at the regatta centre available and onward to Hospital via ambulance summoned by 999 call.	Moderate

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