

Thames Ditton Regatta 7 May 2011

Under British Rowing Rules and Row Safe Code

Welfare Policy and Plan for Junior Competitors

Welfare Policy

The organising committee of Thames Ditton Regatta intends to ensure that any allegations, concerns or risk of harm to juniors involved in the event are taken seriously and responded to quickly and appropriately.

A welfare officer has been appointed for the event and will act as the point of contact for any concerns raised. The contact details for the Regatta Welfare Officer will be included in the Competitors Instructions posted on the web site and will be made known to race officials. In particular all clubs with junior crew entries will be notified of these details.

Event Welfare Plan

From January 2010 and until decided otherwise, the welfare officer will be Sarah Searle. She will be available throughout the duration of the event and will be contactable by any race official via the radio network or by mobile phone where this is deemed more appropriate. She will determine appropriate action to be taken, and should any incident warrant such action, will be responsible for reporting to the appropriate authorities, such as statutory agencies and the British Rowing child protection officer.

Given the nature of the event, where athletes will be racing or resting at a variety of locations at the Regatta venue, it is not possible for the event organizers to take responsibility for security at any specific location. Adults with responsibility for children entered in the event are expected to ensure that boating locations are suitable. Adults – coaches and parents – are also reminded of the need for suitable clothing for the event, given that there is the possibility of a wait before the start; crew coaches are further reminded that in rough conditions, it is they who must make the assessment of whether their crew can safely boat and race in the conditions – particularly so where there is a junior cox. Row Safe sections 1.4, 1.7, 1.8 and 3.2 are particularly relevant.

In the event that a participant goes missing for a period exceeding 20 minutes, the welfare officer should be contacted and she will follow British Rowing policy and contact the police if this has not already been done.

All Junior entries must include a relevant usable contact number for the adult responsible for that crew/entry on the day of the Regatta. It is therefore incumbent upon the person entering the crew to ensure that a usable contact number is included in the entry and that this individual has relevant permissions and information from junior crew members' carers for any potential medical assistance or similar that may need to be administered. No individual contact details for juniors will be held by the Regatta organisers.

All competitors in the event may be photographed by amateurs, or professionals who sell their photographs, and these photographs may be used for identification or publicity purposes. Thames Ditton Regatta cannot prevent this, as the banks of the river and the neighbouring areas are open to the public. Officials and competitors **must** be aware of this.