**Chester Regatta Emergency Plan 2017**

# Incident Procedures

* Two safety boats equipped with two crew members, radios, life jackets and foil blankets will be provided by Chester Boats. One boat will cover the upstream half of the course and the other the downstream half. The boat crews will be briefed by the Safety Officer prior to the start of the event.
* Two first aiders will be provided by St John Ambulance Brigade throughout the event. They will be based in the Sailing Club and equipped with radios. They will be briefed by the Safety Officer prior to the start of the event.
* A fire extinguisher will be located in the main marquee adjacent to the barbecue
* All marshals will checkin and be briefed by the Safety Officer or deputy 30 minutes prior to taking up their post
* Race control, race umpires, waterborne marshals and the safety launch team will be linked with mobile radios. Call Mayday, Mayday in event of incident causing serious injury or damage
* Inform Race Control immediately of any incident. Give as much information on the incident as possible. Be clear and concise.
* Regatta Chairman to decide if necessary to stop all racing
* Regatta Chairman to nominate an official to investigate incident
* Safety boats, and first aid team to be alerted as required. All personnel requiring first aid treatment will be transferred initially to treatment areas in the Sailing Club changing rooms

If hospital treatment is judged necessary the Safety Officer will call 999 by cellphone and advise the emergency services of the nature of the injury and the location of the patient. The rendezvous point for the emergency services is the entrance to the Chester Sailing Club at Sandy Lane CH3 5UL, OS Grid Ref SJ419622.

* Capsized crews should stay with their boat. Crew captains to take charge until safety boats arrive
* Radio messages to be kept brief and concise. Radio procedure to be in accordance with Row Safe 2.3. All non-emergency traffic to cease
* Racing will resume when Control is satisfied that it is safe to do so
* In the event of poor weather eg high winds, heavy rain or lightning, or water conditions eg waves, tides or pollution the event may be curtailed. This decision will be taken by the Regatta Chairman after consulting the Safety Officer, Umpires and coaches from the competing clubs. As soon as a decision is taken it will be announced over the tannoy and radio. If curtailment occurs all safety launches and marshals will remain on station until all crews are off the water.
* Welfare issues, inappropriate behaviour, bullying, physical or verbal abuse, should be reported to the Child Welfare Officer.

## Contacts

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