

Chester Regatta 2022

Emergency Procedure

In the event of any incident **on water** requiring the attendance of the Emergency Services the following procedure must be adopted:

The event will be stopped by Race Control. This instruction will be relayed to all stations and radio silence requested until incident resolved.

If the situation involves an injured person, they will be assessed by the nearest first aider and moved by boat to the nearest safe location. This is most likely to be the St Johns Ambulance post at Race Control.

If the incident is on water, radio for the nearest safety boat to carry out a rescue. Use of the BritishRowing RowSafe section 2.3 Pneumonic abbreviation is helpful. – ‘MIPDANIO’. The efficient transfer of information may help to save a life.

Mayday Mayday should only be used if there is a serious life-threatening incident.

M = Mayday

I = Identification (the name of your vessel)

P = Position (your location)

D = nature of your Distress (what is your problem)

A = the Assistance required (what help do you need)

N = the Number of people involved

I = any other relevant Information

O = Over

Radio Race Control and ask for the emergency services to attend an incident at the Emergency Services Rendezvous Point (See Below) and identify type of incident involved.

Race Control will telephone 999 from a mobile phone and ask for the emergency service to attend at the appropriate access point.

Race Control will confirm to the request holder that the appropriate Emergency Service has been requested and provide an approximate arrival time.

No Response from Race Control?

If the Request Holder is unable to contact Race Control or has difficulty confirming the request, they should dial 999 themselves if this is practical.

In the event of a Fire at a Boathouse of Regatta facility.

CALL 999 immediately

1. **If the fire is on the regatta field (tents or vehicles)** evacuate the regatta field. Assemble in the **Sandy Lane Car Park**.

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2. In the event of a fire in the Sailing club, evacuate the area immediately around the fire, move away a safe distance. Assemble in the **Sandy Lane Car Park**. If the fire involves a Boat on the water assemble on the **Riverbank**.
3. In the event of a fire or incident at one of the River Dee Rowing Club's Boat Houses follow the procedures (which will be similar to the above) in place for the individual club and advise Race Control.

If you have to contact the Emergency Services, then:

- 1. Dial 999 and ask for the appropriate Emergency Service.**
- 2. Speak clearly and listen to and respond to the operators requests carefully.**
- 3. Tell them that:**

Chester Regatta requires an Ambulance/Fire Service at the emergency services rendezvous point at:

**the entrance to the Chester Sailing Club at Sandy Lane CH3 5UL,
OS Grid Ref SJ419622**

- 4. You will also be asked to provide details of the nature of the incident**

The nearest hospital is the Countess of Chester, Liverpool Road, Chester. Tel 01244 365000.