



TWICKENHAM AMATEUR REGATTA 2009 Saturday 23rd May

ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY PROCEDURES DURING THE REGATTA

ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY ON THE RIVER

During a Race Incident Response

- **RAISE THE ALARM:** The first observer of an incident should raise the alarm.
- If you do not have a radio or loudhailer, notify the nearest regatta personnel who does
- If you have a radio or loudhailer, alert Regatta Control stating clearly **"ALERT, ALERT"** and provide a brief incident report, including where known:
 - i) What has happened?
 - ii) Where?
 - iii) The number of casualties?
 - iv) The severity of injuries?
 - v) Any support required?
- The Crews must stop racing immediately and follow instructions given by the Umpire's or Regatta personnel
- As soon as an incident is reported, all stations on the radio network must **minimise traffic**. **Absolute priority** is to be given to Regatta Control and those responding to the incident. If you have a radio, **listen out** to make sure that Race Control has heard & is responding.
- **TAKE CONTROL:** The first radio-equipped race official to arrive at the scene of an incident is to **take initial control** of the incident. **Do not assume** that others are dealing with an incident just because there are a lot of people about. **Do not overcrowd** the site, but do check that the occurrence is being managed. As soon as immediate life-saving measures are in hand, Regatta Control is to be notified (by radio / loudhailer) by **providing an update to the earlier incident report**.
- The Umpire's or Regatta personnel first duty will be to the competitors or persons in difficulty

- **LIFE SAVING:** Proceed to **take any immediate life-saving measures within their competence**. However, remember that it is counter-productive for rescuers to expose themselves to unnecessary risks.
- Regatta Control will **send the Safety Adviser to any serious incident**. Once he has arrived on site and briefed, **the Safety Adviser becomes Controller for the incident** and will co-ordinate the work of the emergency services on site. The **Safety Adviser will summon additional emergency support** via radio, marine radio, or telephone as follows:
 - For medical assistance: alert the onsite ambulance via radio
 - Racing will be suspended until the course is cleared
 - The Safety Launch will assist the **Safety Advisor** what further action is needed and determine which of three is the safer and nearest on the Surrey side of the river.
 - **Safety Advisor** will summon the RNLI Lifeboat and initiate a 999 call should the incident require assistance beyond the scope of that available on the Regatta site

Outside a Race

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- The Umpire's or Regatta personnel first duty will be to the competitors or persons in difficulty **LIFE SAVING**: Proceed to **take any immediate life-saving measures within their competence.** However, remember that it is counter-productive for any rescuers to expose themselves to unnecessary risks.
- Regatta Control will **send the Safety Adviser to any serious incident**. Once he has arrived on site and briefed, **the Safety Adviser becomes Controller for the incident** and will co-ordinate the work of the emergency services on site. **The Safety Adviser will summon additional emergency support** via radio, marine radio, or telephone as follows:
 - For medical assistance: alert the onsite ambulance via radio
 - The Safety Launch will assist the **Safety Advisor** what further action is needed and determine which of three is the safer and nearest on the Surrey side of the river.
 - **Safety Advisor** will summon the RNLi Lifeboat and initiate a 999 call should the incident require assistance beyond the scope of that available on the Regatta site
 - For incidents with mass casualties: contact 999 and notify West Middlesex Hospital A&E.

ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY OFF THE RIVER

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- If you have a radio or loudhailer, alert Regatta Control stating clearly **"ALERT, ALERT"** and provide a brief incident report, including where known:
 - i) What has happened?
 - ii) Where?
 - iii) The number of casualties?
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 - v) Any support required?

- The nearest official will inform Race Control Regatta Control will **send the Safety Adviser to any serious incident**. Once he has arrived on site and briefed, **the Safety Adviser becomes Controller for the incident** and will co-ordinate the work of the emergency services on site. The **Safety Adviser will summon additional emergency support** via radio, marine radio, or telephone as follows:
- For medical assistance: alert the on site ambulance via radio
- The For serious land-based incident: contact Emergency Services (999) by telephone.
- For incidents with mass casualties: contact 999 and notify West Middlesex Hospital A&E.

RECORDING INCIDENTS

- All safety related incidents should be recorded in the Regatta Incident Book held at Race Control