



## TWICKENHAM AMATEUR REGATTA 2011 Saturday 28th May

### ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY INFORMATION FOR OFFICIALS

**GENERAL: RAISE THE ALARM:** The first observer of an incident should raise the alarm. If you do not have a radio, notify the nearest regatta personnel who does.

- Alert Regatta Control and the emergency teams:
  - i) Who is reporting the incident? - Emergency incident call sign: "ALERT! ALERT! This is xxxxx, Over" Wait for a response, then be prepared to advise:
  - ii) What has happened and where? - Note the designated Incident Zones map, to clarify location
  - iii) Who is affected? – e.g. Number of people in the water
  - iv) What help or support is required? Safety boats? 1st Aid? etc
- As soon as an incident is reported, all stations on the radio network must **minimise traffic. Absolute priority** is to be given to those responding to the incident
- **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. Make sure the emergency team's access is not hampered **Do not overcrowd** the site, but do check that the occurrence is being managed.
- **LIFE SAVING:** Proceed to **take any immediate life-saving measures within their competence.** However, remember it is counter-productive for rescuers to expose themselves to unnecessary risks.
- **The Safety Adviser will attend 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. If requested by the emergency team the safety advisor will call up any additional emergency support required by dialling 999.

#### **WATER INCIDENT:**

- Crews must stop racing immediately and follow instructions from the race umpire, or regatta official.
- Racing will be suspended until the course is clear
- The Safety Launch will assist the **Safety Advisor** to determine what further action is needed and which landing point is most appropriate. [River Lane boating area, by preference]
- If 1<sup>st</sup> aid is required, the Safety Advisor will direct them to the selected landing point
- **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

#### **LAND INCIDENT:**

- **RAISE THE ALARM:** The first observer of an incident should raise the alarm, as above
- **The Safety Adviser will attend 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. If requested by the emergency team the safety advisor will call up any additional emergency support required by dialling 999.
- For serious land-based incident and/or incidents with mass casualties: call 999 for London Ambulance Service, who will alert local hospitals if required.

#### **RECORDING INCIDENTS:**

- All safety related incidents should be recorded via BR reporting system