



TWICKENHAM AMATEUR REGATTA 2011 Saturday 28th May

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS – to be read in conjunction with course maps

This regatta will be run according to the British Rowing Rules of Racing and 'Row Safe' guidelines. These Safety Instructions provide important information and should be studied carefully.

The regatta will endeavour to provide a safe environment in accordance with 'Row Safe' guidance although competitors and coaches are specifically reminded that persons competing do so entirely at their own risk and are solely responsible for: -

- Their own safety.
- Ensuring that their boats are safe and are prepared to appropriate standards required by the Rules of Racing. Any boat found failing to meet the standard shall be excluded.
- The strict observance of the circulation pattern (see below)
- Deciding together with their coaches, whether they are fully competent to compete in the prevailing conditions.
- All juniors will need a responsible adult assigned to them during the event and passage to and from the regatta in *loco parentis* to help them with their responsibilities.

Points of Danger

- Great care should be taken if boating from anywhere other than Twickenham Rowing Club or the designated boating area at River Lane. The Committee cannot guarantee the condition or safety of the river bank. Be aware the River Lane area is significantly restricted at high tide; proceed with caution.
- Crews must take particular care when crossing the course, either when going afloat or when returning to the boating area, following a race. Please follow instructions from the land and water marshals at all times.
- Crews making their way upstream from the finish area must ensure that they pass to the Middlesex (north) side of Glover's island, i.e. return **BEHIND** the island. The navigation channel to the Surrey (south) side, is dedicated to non-regatta traffic
- Because the river between Richmond and Teddington locks is semi-tidal, the boating and landing circulation patterns will be changed during the day to accommodate a safe change from ebb tide to flood tide conditions, and back again. Competitors must familiarise themselves with both circulation patterns and follow the instructions of the land and water marshals, who will advise when the pattern changes.
- Crews should remain vigilant to other river traffic, such as cruisers, and especially small [hire] rowing dingys, who are typically very unpredictable, unskilled at handling their craft, and unaware of any rule of navigation
- Crews must only turn onto the start at the instruction of the start marshals. If there is a strong stream crews should take care not to marshal too close to the start as they risk getting swept onto the stakeboats.
- Crews marshalling beside Eel Pie Island and beyond must take care to avoid any crews turning out of the top of Eel Pie Island into the main channel; **PRACTICE STARTS ARE NOT PERMITTED ALONG THE COURSE, OR ALONG THE EEL PIE ISLAND CUT**
- Crews boating from Twickenham Rowing Club must row a distance past the end of Eel Pie Island and check that the river is clear before turning into the main channel.
- Crews should be careful not to hit the "Regatta in Progress" boards situated at the upstream end on Eel Pie Island and downstream of Richmond Canoe Club.
- Hammertons Ferry has right of way over rowing boats that are marshalling, or are on the course, therefore umpires are requested to ensure that they do **NOT** start races whilst the ferry is crossing the river. Non racing crews should proceed with caution in the navigation channel, particularly in the vicinity of the ferry..

Clubs and competitors are also reminded that they must: -

- Ensure all roadways and access routes are kept clear; no cars or trailers should be left in River Lane.
- Be aware of others in the car park and road areas, and especially careful of boat movement on the towpath.
- Inform the officials at registration of any medical conditions that yourself or members of your crew have and could become apparent in racing conditions. This is a safety precaution so that officials and safety boat people are made aware prior to any race.
- Show consideration to other river users during the course of water participation.

In The Event Of An Accident or Emergency Involving Competitors Or Officials:

All accidents and emergencies must be reported to a Regatta Official as soon as is practicable. The Official will summon any additional support that may be required. The Official will also ensure that the Safety Adviser and the Race Committee are made aware of the incident.

The first duty of the umpire and the umpire's launch is to the safety of the competitor or any person in difficulty. The nearest regatta official should immediately take appropriate action to ensure the task of rescue/first aid is commenced at the soonest possible moment, with the prevention of further accidents.

In attendance

- 'Rowsafe', 2 x Professionally manned launches afloat
- 1 x [TwRC] marshals launch afloat with first aid equipment
- St John's Ambulance first aid support, based in the regatta enclosure

Available

- RNLI (Teddington station)

Informed

- London Ambulance Service
- West Middlesex Hospital A&E
- Richmond Police Station

Designated casualty landing places are: (All on Surrey bank)

PRIMARY: Public slipway – Race Control/Boating Area – River Lane (River Lane, Petersham)

Secondary: Public slipway – Ham House car park, or Landing stage – Riverside towpath downstream of Enclosure

Warnings to Other River Users

The regatta is publicised to river users by the PLA Notice to Mariners. Leaflets containing information about the event and the impact on navigation are provided to the lock keepers at Teddington and Richmond, for distribution to any boats coming through the locks. These will also be given to the local skiff hire companies.

Cancellation In The Case Of Inclement Weather

The race committee and race umpires should remain vigilant to conditions on the day and, if they have any concerns, should inform the Safety advisor who will be monitoring the on-going conditions.

In extremis the race committee, in conjunction with safety adviser, may take the decision to suspend racing.

If racing is cancelled, the safety adviser will contact control commission to advise them to stop crews from going afloat and all officials and marshals will be instructed to clear crews off the river as soon as possible.

Emergency Telephones:

Teddington Memorial Hospital	020 8408 8210
West Middlesex Hospital A & E	020 8560 2121
Teddington RNLI station	020 8973 0586
Teddington Lock	020 8940 8723
PLA Harbour Master – Richmond Lock	020 8940 0634

Regatta Enclosure Address: Buccleuch Gardens Petersham Road, Richmond upon Thames, TW10 6UW	Twickenham Rowing Club Address: Eel Pie Island Twickenham TW1 2DX
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Telephone numbers of officials, organisers, interested parties etc.

Start Marshall	07974 949137
Safety Advisor	[by radio]
Race Committee	07958 324084
Hammertons Ferry	020 8892 9620
Twickenham Rowing Club	020 8892 5291