



IRONBRIDGE WEEKEND REGATTAS

SATURDAY 28th & Sunday 29th JUNE 2025

Emergency Instructions for Crews and Officials

In an Emergency on the Water:

- Inform Control and the Co-ordinating Umpire immediately, giving the following details
 - Nature of the incident
 - Where on the course
 - If safety boat/First Aid required
 - Race details, who is involved
- Stop all racing; Crews must follow instructions given by Umpires for their own safety and that of their fellow competitors. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.
- The Co-ordinating Umpire is to take charge of the incident in conjunction with the Regatta Safety Adviser.
- Co-ordinating Umpire will notify the appropriate services, i.e. Safety Boat, First Aid, etc.
- Capsized crews should stay with their boat. Crew Captains should take charge until the Safety Boat arrives.
- All involved in the incident must be checked by a qualified First Aider from the designated on-site team (ACE Medical Solutions).
- Racing will only recommence when the Co-ordinating Umpire/Regatta Safety Adviser are satisfied it is safe to do so.
- To aid managing the incident, no one should use the radio unless requested by the Co-ordinating Umpire/Regatta Safety Adviser.
- Race commentary will be suspended unless it is required to help the emergency
- To clear the radio lines for emergency communications radio users will use the call '**PAN PAN**'. Upon hearing this call, all users must end conversations whilst the emergency messages are communicated to Control/Co-ordinating Umpire.

In the event of poor weather:

- The Race Committee and Regatta Safety Advisors may temporarily or completely suspend racing dependent on the prevailing conditions (thunder, lightning, wind, flooding, extreme heat etc). Race Control will issue instructions accordingly.
- Crews must listen out carefully for and obey all instructions given by Umpires and race officials.

Abandonment due to External Factors:

- If the event is abandoned due to external factors e.g., public disorder, police decision, Race Control together with the Regatta Safety Advisors will take charge and will issue instructions to all present.
- Announcements will be made via the PA system to instruct all competitors and spectators to evacuate and move to muster points as required.
- Competitors on the water will be instructed by Umpires and Marshals along the course, who will remain in contact with Race Control via radio. All racing will cease, and crews may be asked to boat off at a safe location or to stay on the water if it is safer.
- Marshals will assist in safely directing people as instructed by Race Control and the Safety Advisor.
- Race Control/Regatta Safety Advisors will call and liaise with emergency services as required.

In the event of a Major Incident

- In the event of serious medical emergency, the Regatta Safety Advisors will take charge of the situation and will call and liaise with emergency services as required. The incident response will be managed from the Race Control tent, on the race finish position.
- Racing may be suspended dependent on the nature of the incident.
- Announcements will be made via the PA system to give instructions to all competitors and spectators. Umpires and Race Marshals will communicate with any crews on the water.
- Any water borne casualties will be landed ashore to the boating OFF steps and met by the onsite First Aid team. The immediate area will be cleared of all spectators by Club Marshals to enable safe access for emergency services and, if needed, to screen any casualties undergoing treatment.

General:

- If there is a medical emergency on site during the daytime, the first aid team will be located at the front of the boathouse on the car park. Outside of racing, assistance should be sought from the local and emergency services signposted throughout the Regatta site.
- The Event Safety Adviser is supported by a team of Qualified RYA Level 2 launch drivers and first aiders from Ironbridge RC, Bridgnorth RC and Pengwern BC to ensure that knowledgeable and informed safety cover is in place on the water throughout the two days of racing. All teams will communicate with Race Control using 2-way radios.
- A **defibrillator** is kept inside the boathouse. It is located on the 1st floor, on the wall at the top of the stairs.

The Regatta Committee endeavour to provide a safe environment in accordance with **British Rowing's 'Row Safe'** guidance, although competitors, coaches and clubs are specifically reminded that every person attending the regatta, including those competing, or officiating, do so entirely at their own risk and are solely responsible for:

- Their own safety;
- Ensuring that their equipment is safe and prepared to the standards required by **British Rowing's 'Row Safe'** and **BR Rules of Racing**. Any boats found failing to meet the standards shall be excluded;
- The strict observance of circulation pattern and **British Rowing's 'Row Safe'**;
- Competing crews determining together with their clubs, coaches, whether they are competent to compete in the prevailing weather and stream conditions, and;
- Ensuring 'a responsible adult' accompanies each junior competing in the regatta to assist them in 'loco parentis' with their responsibilities and assume responsibility for their welfare.
- In the interest of safety, any competitor that falls into the river, under any circumstances, will not be allowed to race again until BR's capsize procedure has been followed (showering, dry kit has been obtained) and the First Aid representative has authorised it.