

Risk Assessment

Event	Huntingdon Regatta	Date:	April 2026
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No:	Hazard	Reduce probability a Hazard causing a Hazardous Event		Hazardous Event	Reduce the Severity of Harm		Harm	Severity (1-5)	Probability (A-E)	Level of Risk (L/M/S/I)	Action Owners												
		Barriers	Action to maintain barriers		Controls	Action to maintain controls					Event Committee	Event RSA	Safety Boat Drivers	Control Commission	other								
Water																							
1	Rough Water	Cancel some or all the events	Event Committee Chairman and ERSA decide whether conditions are such that some or all events should be cancelled	Capsize or Swamping	provide safety launches with qualified drivers AND provision of first aid AND thermal blankets carried in launch	maintain first aid training and equipment AND check on launch safety kits	Competitors get wet and cold, risk of hypothermia	1	C	Low		X	X	X			X						
2	Fast Flowing Water	Cancel some or all the events	Event Committee Chairman and ERSA decide whether conditions are such that some or all events should be cancelled	Crews having difficulty getting to the start, being stationary on the start line and returning to the landing area	encourage crews in difficulty to land	Provide information to coaches to instruct rowers to land	Rowers get tired and frightened	1	B	Low		X	X	X			X						
7										#N/A													
Weather																							
1	Hot sunny weather	advise clubs to encourage their competitors to dress appropriately, carry drinking water and use high factor sun tan lotion	include recommendations to cover up, carry drinking water and use high factor sun tan lotion in safety briefing to clubs	Dehydration or overheat or sunstroke/sunburn	Use of after sunscreen AND drinking water AND cool in shower AND move to shade	instructions to rowers and coaches	Hyperthermia (heat stroke)	1	B	Low		X	X	X			X						
2	Strong winds	Cancel events if conditions are unsafe	Event Committee Chairman and ERSA decide whether conditions are safe for some or all crews	Swamping of a boat due to adverse weather	Provide safety launches with qualified drivers AND provide throw lines AND provision of first aid kit	maintain first aid training and equipment AND checks on launch safety kits	Rower(s) get wet and cold, risk of hypothermia	2	B	Low		X	X	X			X						
3	Lightning	Follow the 30-30 lightning rule Cancel events until hazard has passed	Event Committee Chairman and ERSA decide	Lightning Strike	Get off the water as soon as possible if lightning starts AND seek medical attention	Maintain First Aid equipment and trained first aiders	Electrocution or burns	4	B	Low		X	X	X			X						
4	Fog or very heavy rain	Cancel events if conditions are unsafe	Event Committee Chairman and ERSA decide whether conditions are safe for some or all crews	Collision Capsize	Provide safety launches with qualified drivers AND provide throw lines AND provision of first aid kit	maintain first aid training and equipment AND checks on launch safety kits	Rower(s) get wet and cold, risk of hypothermia	2	A	Low		X	X	X			X						

Other water users															
1	Leisure Craft On Course	Suspend racing until leisure craft has cleared the course	Umpires / Marshalls are to request that leisure craft do not enter the course until clear to do so	Collision	Provide safety launches with qualified drivers AND provide throw lines AND provision of first aid kit	maintain first aid training and equipment AND checks on launch safety kits	Capsize, injury , Equipment damage	3	B	Moderate		X	X	X	X
2	Leisure Craft Off Course	Rowers comply with the navigation rules AND keep a good lookout	Umpires / Marshalls are to provide warnings	Collision	Provide safety launches with qualified drivers AND provide throw lines AND provision of first aid kit	maintain first aid training and equipment AND checks on launch safety kits	Capsize, injury , Equipment damage	3	B	Moderate		X	X	X	X
3	Anglers	Rowers comply with the navigation rules AND keep a good lookout	Advise local angling club of the event	Entanglement with fishing lines	First Aid Treatment	Maintain First Aid equipment and trained first aiders	Minor cuts and abrasions, subject to abusive language	1	A	Low			X		X
Local Environment															
1	The river	Rowers to keep a good lookout	Hazardous areas buoyed off AND briefings and reminders to members to keep a good lookout	Entanglement with trees	provision of first aid	Maintain First Aid equipment and trained first aiders	Minor Injury, Equipment damage	1	B	Low			X	X	X
2	Water-borne hazards	Cover cuts and abrasions with waterproof dressing	All members to be advised of the dangers Weil's disease (Leptospirosis)	Exposure to water containing the infective agent	Wash out wounds AND seek medical advice	Coach rowers to understand the symptoms and seek immediate medical treatment	Weil's disease (Leptospirosis)	4	A	Low			X	X	X
Going afloat and landing															
1	slippery (muddy) surface in boating area	reliance on vigilance of coaches, rowers and coxes	bring slippery surfaces to the attention of clubs in the safety briefings	slips when launching or recovering boats	provision of first aid	Maintain First Aid equipment and trained first aiders	minor injury, potential damage to boat	2	B	Low			X		X
2	congestion in the launching and landing area	control by boat Marshalls	bring the requirement to take care when launching and landing to the attention of clubs in the safety briefings	collisions and difficulty handling boats	provision of first aid	Maintain First Aid equipment and trained first aiders	minor injury, potential damage to boat	1	B	Low			X		X

Handling boats on land

1	Boat Handling	advise clubs to take care when handling boats	bring boat handling to the attention of clubs in the safety briefings	impact with people not directly involved when crews handle boats on land	provision of first aid	Maintain First Aid equipment and trained first aiders	minor injury, potential damage to boat	2	B	Low				X				X
2	Trailer loading and unloading	advise clubs to take care when loading and unloading trailers & ensure that trailers are parked in the allocated trailer parking area only.	bring trailer loading and unloading to the attention of clubs in the safety briefings	impact with people not directly involved when crews load and unload trailers	provision of first aid	Maintain First Aid equipment and trained first aiders	minor injury, potential damage to boat	2	B	Low				X				X

Faulty, incorrectly set and poorly maintained equipment

1	boat does not fulfil the safety criteria	check boats before going afloat	provide marshals fully equipped to check and label boats	problems with boat when afloat	provide safety launches with qualified drivers AND provision of first aid	maintain first aid training and equipment AND checks on launch safety kits	capsize minor injury, potential damage to boat	3	B	Low				X	X	X		X
2	boat not correctly assembled	check boats before going afloat	provide marshals fully equipped to check and label boats	problems with boat when afloat	provide safety launches with qualified drivers AND provision of first aid	maintain first aid training and equipment AND checks on launch safety kits	capsize minor injury, potential damage to boat	2	C	Low				X	X	X		X

Pre-existing health conditions and low levels of fitness

1	medical conditions of rowers	none		illness or collapse of a rower on land	provision of first aid	maintain first aid training and equipment	unknown health effects	2	B	Low				X				X
2	medical conditions of rowers	none		illness or collapse of a rower on the water	provide safety launches with qualified drivers AND provision of first aid	maintain first aid training and equipment AND checks on launch safety kits	unknown health effects, possible further consequential harm	4	B	Moderate				X	X			X

Other

1	difficulty accessing the site with a trailer	care by drivers	provide information on the best routes to the event	collision of boats and trailers with fixed objects	none		potential injury, damage to boats	2	B	Low				X				X
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1	Hard edged safety launches.	Regatta has four launches but not with the soft/rubber edge of a Ribb however, full stretch of water is marshalled, Umpires also covering course and in contact with each other. River is narrow and therefore bank is very close. Rowers all licensed therefore capsizing drill will be part of their club requirements	As in Regatta Event Plan and RA. Also throw lines to be issued along course. All boats inspected prior to launch. All other measures implemented	Risk is not so much the speed a distressed rower could be attended as boat and marshal cover is considered adequate, it is purely ensuring that should a rower require pulling into the rescue launch, that this is done with ease (where a Ribb is softer when pulling rowers in)	Assess the lift of a rower into the rescue launch and ensure care is taken when lifting into the launch. Otherwise, review if such measures are necessary for example if safe to assist in recovery to the bank.	Brief launch drivers	Potential injury when being lifted in to a non-rubber launch	1	B	Low		X	X		
2	Fire relating to Generators, cooking and other temporary equipment used at the event	Care by users, safe storage of fuel, inspection by ERSa and provision of fire extinguishers at main event area	Inspection by ERSa, talk with users, advise on fire extinguishers	Risk of fire spreading and or accident is fuel storage is not managed correctly	ERSa Inspection, Fire Extinguishers and ERSa update to users of equipment	ERSa Inspection, Fire Extinguishers and ERSa brief users of equipment	Potential fire and explosion of fuel	4	B	Moderate		X			X
3	Loan Boats (from Huntingdon to Others) - Ensure all OK in Club Boat Audit and Inspect to See in Good Order for Loan	If unfit, cannot loan which could stop racing or require use of another boat	Inspection by ERSa and Club Captain and or Club Chairman. Record Inspection.	Result in guest rower being rejected by Umpires when launching or at worst, a possible on water risk to rower and others	Pre Inspection by ERSa, Captain and or Chairman. Record inspection. Ensure any remedial work is done or change boat or prohibit boat from use	Pre Inspection by ERSa, Captain and or Chairman. Record inspection. Ensure any remedial work is done or change boat or prohibit boat from use	Result in guest rower being rejected by Umpires when launching or at worst, a possible on water risk to rower and others	2	B	Low		X			X
4	Event Canopies and Temporary Structures blowing away in wind causing hazard to Rowers and public	Ask to be taken down	ERSa To inspect event canopies and be mindful of weather / wind conditions for visitor canopies	Wind catching canopy	Removal or weighted lags on Canopies. First Aid Treatment	Be aware of wind and weather conditions. Advise to take take and provision of First Aid	Potential for canopy to take off and then land on public,, rowers and in river	3	B	Low	X				

		People	Assets	Probability				
				A	B	C	D	E
				Highly improbable (has not been known to happen in rowing)	Improbable (has been known to happen in rowing)	Possible (could happen to about 1% of the club's active members per decade)	Probable (could happen to about 1% of the club's active members per year)	Highly probable (could happen to about 10% of the club's active members per year)
Severity	1	Slight injury or health effect (Requires little or no treatment; no need to take time off rowing or training)	Minor damage to equipment (<£100)	Low	Low	Low	Low	Moderate
	2	Minor injury or health effect (Requires First Aid or rest; potentially a few days off rowing or training)	Damage repair costs low (£500)	Low	Low	Low	Moderate	Substantial
	3	Moderate injury or health effect (Requires treatment beyond simple First Aid; potentially a week or so off rowing or training)	High damage repair costs (>£1000)	Low	Low	Moderate	Substantial	Intolerable
	4	Major injury or health effect (Requires hospital treatment for more than one day; potentially a few weeks off rowing or training)	Very high damage repair costs (loss of boat, 3rd party damage)	Low	Moderate	Substantial	Intolerable	Intolerable
	5	Fatality or Life Threatening Injury or Health Effect (could end a rowing career or cause hospitalisation for a few months)	Major damage & major costs (loss of several boats, high 3rd party damage)	Moderate	Substantial	Intolerable	Intolerable	Intolerable

Low	An acceptable level of risk. No additional barriers/controls are required. <u>Start or continue the activity but check that the current barriers/controls remain effective.</u>
Moderate	An acceptable level of risk that should be reviewed. Implement additional barriers/controls to reduce the risk if the opportunity arises. Start or continue the activity with care.
Substantial	An unacceptable level of risk. Improve the barriers/controls and allocate resources to reduce the risk. Do not start or continue the activity until the risk has been reduced.
Intolerable	An unacceptable level of risk. Improve the barriers/controls and allocate resources to reduce the risk. <u>Do not start or continue the activity until the risk has been reduced. Prohibit the activity if it is not possible to reduce the risk.</u>