

Isis Sculls 2009
Risk Assessment

Hazard / Probability / Severity of Risk	Control	Risk Rating	Comments / Follow Up Actions	Assessor	Date
Hazardous stream conditions	If forecast stream conditions 7 days before the event are judged by the committee to make it likely that the event will be unsafe, the event will be cancelled.	N/a	Notice of the cancellation will be posted on the CORC website and the emergency services, Environment Agency and the OU First Aid Unit will be informed.		
Struck by blades /2 /2	All clubs provided with information as per Rule of racing 223. On bank marshals and umpires to give direction as required. Dangerous behaviour to be notified to umpires.	2x2 = 4	Umpires will have powers to disqualify scullers for dangerous behaviour. Emergency Action Plan will apply in the event of an incident.		
Collision with other river traffic. /2/2	'Regatta in Progress' signs upstream and downstream of the course. Oral advice at Iffley lock. Clear circulation pattern for competitors.	2x2 = 4	Reinforce by bank marshals. Emergency action plan distributed to all parties involved in running the event. OURCS aware that the event is taking place to avoid extra river traffic.		
Competitor capsize before, during or after racing 2/2	Safety boats on course. Assistance on landing stage for Juniors and OARC members. ARA guidelines and rules of racing apply.	2x2 = 4	Marshals / officials monitoring traffic. Emergency action plan. Rules of racing. Marshals at strategic points to have throw lines to assist with anybody in the water. Safety Rings along the river bank.		
Unsafe overtaking	Dangerous behaviour to be notified to umpires.	2x2 = 4	Umpires will have powers to disqualify scullers for dangerous behaviour.		

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Probability 1(Unlikely) to 3(very likely)

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Speared by sharp bows. 1/3	All competitors are required to abide by the ARA mandatory requirement for bow balls. Random checks for bow balls securely fitted are made as a sample audit before racing.	1X3 = 3	Random boat checking to be thorough.		
Punts or other pleasure craft on the course. 3/1	Event Marshaling and instructions to Marshals on dealing with craft during the regatta, ensuring that they follow the circulation pattern	3x1 = 3	Marshal's briefing. Traffic to be directed by marshals and reported by radio.		
Narrowing of river in the 'Gut'. 3/1	Marshaling on the bank at the gut with clear view of river.	3x1 = 3	Marshals briefing Distribution of Emergency action plan with Marshal's 'pack'.		
Crossing traffic at Longbridges. 3/1	Marshal in place with clear view of river and finish to guide traffic across safely.	3x1 = 3	Marshal's briefing. Traffic to be reported by radio.		
Asthma attack on river. 1 / 3	Asthma sufferers advised to have inhalers with them at all times. Treat as medical emergency.	1X3 = 3	See competitor instructions. Treat as medical emergency if patient is not carrying own inhaler.		
Hypothermia. 1 / 3	Marshals check that appropriate kit is being worn by crews. Treat as medical emergency. Call Safety Boat and first-aiders	1X3 - 3	Safety Boats equipped with first aid kits including 'space blankets'.		
Salter Bros Boats On course. 2 / 1	Advise Salters. Radio contact in place between start and finish. Check prior to racing to ensure that no vessel will be a hazard on the course.	2X1 = 2	Marshaling instructions. Emergency action plan Radio contact		

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Electrical Storm 1 / 2	Natural hazard Suspension of racing	1x2 = 2	Safety Adviser to call a halt to racing during electrical storm. All blades to be carried horizontally when disembarking. Apply the ARA 30 :30 rule.		
Strong Stream	Natural hazard	1x2 = 2	Isis Flag system Safety Adviser and Regatta Committee will cancel, delay or reduce entries.		
High Winds	Natural hazard	1x2 = 2	Safety Adviser and Regatta Committee as above		
Wildlife on course - Swans, geese etc on course during racing	Natural hazard	2x1 = 2	Marshals to radio warning if necessary.		
Large pieces of debris in water	Course inspection before racing commences. Lookout by all officials during event. Radio safety boat for removal of large pieces of debris.	1x1 = 1	Safety Adviser / Umpires and Marshals. Safety boats to remove large pieces of debris from course on request.		
Object dropped or thrown from bridge or towpath.	Landing stage marshal and marshal's on towpath. Police patrols	1x1 = 1	Radio contact between marshals. Awareness by marshals of potential issue if people watching from bridge or towpath.		
Collision with cyclist	Marshals to remind cyclists to slow down and warn members of the public if race is coming.	1x1 = 1	Pre - race briefing on morning of event.		
Heat exhaustion / dehydration / sunburn	Pre-race safety briefing .	1x1 = 1	Bottled water on sale at clubhouse. Coaches responsible for Junior scullers to provide sunblock.		
Contact with underwater obstacles	Mark with buoys and mention in safety docs.	1 x 1=1	Marshalls to advise competitors to return to marked course if they		

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			row off course.		
				Howard Aiken	23 rd August 2009

The following apply at all times:-

- Amateur Rowing Association Water Safety Code
- Amateur Rowing Association Rules of Racing
- City Of Oxford Instructions to Competitors

Note:

This document (as per all Risk Assessments) is regularly reviewed and held by the City Of Oxford Rowing Club Safety Adviser leading up to and during the event.

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