



Accident & Emergency Plan, 2023

Accident and Emergency on the river

The designated casualty landing place is at Mortlake Anglian & Alpha Boat Club:
Ibis Boathouse, Ibis Lane, Hartington Road, Chiswick, W4 3UJ;

In the event of an accident involving competitors or officials occurring on the river, the nearest Regatta Official should immediately take appropriate action to ensure that Rescue and/or First Aid is commenced as soon as possible, and that further accidents are prevented.

<p>During a race</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The nearest official with a radio will summon the Safety launch and inform race control.• The umpire will attend directly to the party in difficulty.• All crews must stop racing immediately when instructed by the umpire.• Race control will declare racing suspended.	<p>Outside of a race</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The nearest official with a radio will summon the Safety launch and inform race control.• If necessary, any nearby umpire or marshaling launches will also assist.• If the incident is on the course, racing will be suspended by the umpire.
<p>In all cases</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Safety launch will take control of all radio conversation until the incident is cleared and the safety launch 'stands down'.• The safety launch will assess what further action is required.• Race control will summon land based first aid.• If necessary Race control will summon either the RNLI lifeboat (Dial 999 and ask for Coastguard) and/or the land based emergency services.• The Safety launch will co-ordinate other officials to assist with marshalling competitors and casualties to a place of safety.	

Accident or emergency on the land

In the event of an accident involving competitors or officials occurring on any area of land occupied or used by the regatta:

- Any bystanders should find the nearest official.
- The nearest official will inform race control.
- Race control will alert the land based first aid post.
- The first aider will assess what further action is required and if the casualty is to be relocated.
- If necessary, Race control will summon the emergency services (via 999).

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Reporting the Incident

The initial incident report should briefly include:

- What has happened
- Where it has happened
- The number of casualties
- The severity of injuries
- Any support required

If radio communications fail, personnel will attract the attention of the rescue craft by loud hailer or mobile phone.

Any incident should be formally reported using the regatta's own incident form and in the incident book held at Race Control.

Safety and backup rescue launches (see circulation pattern)

The course is 1,000 metres long with one safety launch / rescue craft in position. This is a fully equipped fast RIB (with qualified first aider & RYA level 2 driver).

There will be 4 umpires launches and 1 marshalling launch equipped with suitable safety equipment as defined in the British Rowing's RowSafe.

All marshalling and umpires launches will be equipped with a suitable launch kit to act as back up rescue to the main rescue craft plus a radio; loud hailer; mobile telephone and life jackets for all personnel.

Emergency Services

Two hospitals offering A&E services are located at less than 30 minutes from the regatta:

West Middlesex Hospital A&E, Twickenham Road, Isleworth, Middlesex TW7 6AF

Charing Cross Hospital A&E is situated at Fulham Palace Road, W6 8RF
Tel 020 3311 1234