



Reading Amateur Regatta 2026

ESSENTIAL SAFETY PLAN

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**Notes for Officials for distribution to First Aid, Safety Boats,
Umpires, volunteers**

Reading Amateur Regatta is held under the rules of British Rowing and the British Rowing Rules of Racing will apply. Further the Regatta conforms to the 'RowSafe' guide.

THE ESSENTIAL READING AMATEUR REGATTA SAFETY PLAN

The Accident and Emergency Plan is notified to umpires by the Chairman of the Race Committee, to other officials by the Regatta Controller and to safety boat crews and first aiders by the Safety Adviser.

ACCIDENTS ON THE WATER

In the event of collision or injury requiring assistance, or capsizing, the nearest umpire or marshal will:

1. Summon the safety launch by radio
2. If the course is blocked advise the start; no further crews to start; races already started but upstream of the emergency will be stopped by the nearest umpire.

Safety launches are provided with radios operating on the race radio net, to maintain contact with umpires and marshals, and separate from non-safety communications.

A First Aid unit will be located in the Enclosure, close to the Finish Tent. Additional emergency medical support is available from:

- NHS Direct tel. **111**
- Royal Berkshire Hospital Casualty Dept tel. 0118 3225111

OTHER INCIDENTS

In the event of non-emergency incidents or minor public disorder, eg dog bites, call the local police reporting service
- tel. **101** or 0845 8505 505

STOPPING RACING

In case of extreme weather conditions or other situations that could require the cessation of all racing, either for the day or until the

conditions change, the decision will be the responsibility of the Chairman of the Race Committee and the Regatta Controller. The decision to cease rowing will be communicated via the public address system and radio nets. The message shall make clear whether crews already on the water should return immediately or complete their race first. Every effort will be made to get all competitors and officials ashore and safe as quickly as possible.

ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY PLAN

Emergencies should be reported to Crew Stewards or the Site Manager in the first instance. **This includes immediate notification in case of an ambulance being called (in order that Regatta Control and the Site Manager can alert stewards to guide the ambulance on arrival from Reading Rowing Club car park to the Regatta site).**

Regatta Controller: Duncan Coneybeare 07587 142357

Site Manager: James Denny 07404 671243

The mobile phone number of the Site Manager is displayed in Crew Stewards and the marquee. If an emergency is reported to Crew Stewards, they will contact the Site Manager via mobile phone.

The Site Manager will wear a high visibility jacket during the emergency.

Emergency vehicle access is through the car park to the rear of Reading Rowing Club (from the turning off Richfield Avenue at the old Crowne Plaza Hotel (currently closed) on the opposite side of the road to the BP garage).

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Responsibility for actions in the event of an emergency rests with the Regatta Controller, or in the event of his absence or incapacity, the Site Manager, or in his absence or incapacity, the Chairman of the Race Committee. These individuals will carry mobile phones at all times.

EVACUATION

Evacuation instructions will be given via the PA system, or if this is not working, by hand-held megaphone (race umpires have these and will be contacted by radio).

The normal evacuation area will be from the back of the enclosure in the direction of the Rivermead Leisure Centre RG1 8EQ (/// driver.extend.fonts) . The secondary evacuation direction will be towards the Village Hotel RG1 8BD. (/// lots.outer.splash)

Instructions will be given to leave on foot (not using motor vehicles).

EMERGENCY PLAN

Threat	Probability	Impact (threat to personal safety)	Mitigants	Action in event of emergency
Fire in Reading Rowing Club	Low	High	Reading Rowing Club will only be used in case of a medical emergency. Normal fire precautions already available (alarm, extinguishers)	Evacuate building. Call emergency services. General evacuation if necessary
Fire in marquee	Low	High	Extinguisher to be situated in marquee	Evacuate Marquee. Call emergency services. General evacuation if necessary
Serious public disorder/violent behaviour	Low	Medium	None considered necessary	Call police. General evacuation if necessary
Terrorist Threat	Very low	Very high	None considered necessary	Call police. General evacuation if necessary