

RISK ASSESSMENT

No.	Hazard	Cause	Persons at Risk	Risk Factor	Mitigation	Resp.
1	Tripping, slipping & falling on rafts or land while maneuvering boats	Wet, frost, mud, tree roots	Competitors, raft marshals	Low	Supervise launching and assist crews where needed	OC
2	Capsize (including crew getting into difficulty on capsize)	Any, but particularly inexperienced crews Poorly maintained boat or other equipment Weather, and water, conditions could contribute	Competitors	Med	Ability to withdraw competitors if conditions are beyond their experience Adequately equipped safety boats. Monitors on bank. Radio communications Boat checks Cancellation or restrictions to types of competitors due to water, or weather, conditions	OC and coaches OC Umpires OC
3	Collision between boats on water	Poor steering, inexperience, poor coxing	Competitors	Med	Clear instructions sent to crews prior to race Race monitors to warn crews in the event of potential incidents Safety boats to attend in the event of major incidents	OC and Coaches OC OC
4	Road accident due to competitors or spectators accessing car park	A4 is a dangerous road with high traffic volume at speed	Competitors, spectators, officials and helpers	Low	Clear, warning signage at the access point	OC
5	Crews collide with bank, fallen trees, logs, fishing lines, other obstacles	Failure to follow instructions, poor steering, or unseen obstructions	Competitors	Med	Course checked prior to each division by each race monitor Clear instructions to crews prior to event Race monitors to warn crews who may be off course Safety boats to attend in the event of major accident	Safety Adviser OC OC OC

					Umpire positioned close to bottom bridge	Umpire
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6	Lightning strike (see Safety Plan 4.4)	Lightning storm	Competitors and officials	Low	Safety Adviser to check weather conditions and instruct crews to return to landing stage asap, de-boat and seek shelter until conditions improve.	Safety Adviser and all rowers
7	River surge	Twerton flood gate open	Competitors	Low	Safety Adviser to check with Environment Agency prior to race	Safety Adviser
8	Slips, trips and falls	Muddy conditions, tree roots, trip hazards	Anyone	Med	Advise everyone to keep area tidy – crews to remove shoes, boots from boating area. First Aiders present.	OC, Coaches, crews Safety Adviser
9	Moving, or manoeuvring, boats or blades that may hit people	Poor supervision and/or inattention of crew of bystanders	Anyone, including walkers or joggers on towpath (right of way)	Low	Coaches to instruct their crews. All experienced people to warn crews or bystanders if they see potential incidents. Warning signs on towpath	Coaches OC and all rowers OC
10	Officials fall in river or are injured	Slip on getting in/out of boat transport, or on bank or rafts	Officials and helpers	Low	No slippery boots to be worn on rafts or in boats Wear buoyancy aid on rafts Briefing to Race Monitors to include safety warning	OC OC Safety Adviser
11	Leptospirosis (Weil's disease) See Safety Plan Appendix 3	Contact with infected water	Competitors and Officials	Low	Showers available in the club house for anyone who falls in river	OC
12	Welfare and safeguarding issues	With a lot of young people at the race there is potential for inappropriate behaviour from adults present	Young people - competitors and spectators	Low	A Welfare Officer is appointed who is a member of the Organising Committee. There is an agreed Welfare Statement Registration will assist with any issues that arise, and contact the Welfare Officer and/or the Safety Adviser, if necessary	Welfare Officer, Officials, OC OC
13	Injury due to loading/unloading boats	Abrasions/bruising caused by hitting boats/riggers/etc. Pulled muscles, falls, bruising due to climbing on trailers or	Competitors and coaches	Med	Controlled loading and keeping riggers and seat together in crates Having lots of people to help to get boat on high racks. Extra care when	Coaches, all rowers, parents & friends Coaches all rowers,

		stretching to load/secure boats		securing boats by climbing on trailer	parents & friends
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14	Catering accident	Gas bottle leak resulting in inhaling butane gas or explosion	Catering staff and customers	Med	Connect all bottles correctly. Supervisor to check No smoking in catering area	Catering Supervisor Catering staff
15	Catering accident	Hot urn or kettle results in scalds or burns	Catering staff	Med	Caterers trained and supervised	Catering supervisor
16	Catering accident	Windy weather blowing outside equipment around causing scalds or burns	Catering staff and customers	Med	Secure all equipment or move it inside building. Especially hot water urn. First Aiders on site	Catering supervisor OC
17	Catering accident	Cuts from sharp knives	Catering staff	Med	No unauthorised people to use knives Any cuts dealt with quickly by First Aiders	Catering Supervisor and Staff OC
18	Catering – food poisoning of customers	Unhygienic food preparation and serving resulting is contaminated food	Customers	Med	Catering supervisor has food hygiene certificate and training. Ensures all other staff implement basic hygiene rules – gloves, food and money handling, etc.	Catering supervisor and catering staff

Notes:

- Where OC is stated as responsible this will primarily indicate the HoR Organising Committee, but also all officials and helpers from the Club (and also includes Minerva members and non-members who are helping out on the day).