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LEE REGATTA SAFETY STATEMENT

2019

Policy:

“Our objective is to provide a safe place for all members and visitors to Lee Rowing Club”

The “Lee Regatta” Safety Statement has been designed to cover the specific risks and safety in running a regatta and should be read with reference to our main safety statement. Both Safety Statements are available to all club members and visitors.

In accordance with the current guidelines it is the responsibility of each participating Club Committee to ensure the safety of their members while participating.

Guidelines used included The Rowing Ireland Water Safety Code, The National Safety Council and The Department of the Marine and Natural Resources.

Objectives of the Regatta Safety Statement:

- To identify and manage the specific risks associated with the Lee Regatta Course/Venue
- To provide a safe environment for all visitors, club members and athletes
- To ensure all racing is conducted in accordance with Rowing Ireland’s Rules of Racing
- To ensure appropriate levels of Marshalling to manage identified Risks
- To ensure adequate levels of First Aid and Rescue Services
- To investigate and report on any incidents of a Hazardous nature which occur during the Regatta

Safety Advisor:

The Club Safety Advisor who will be the attending Safety Advisor on the day is Michael O Riordan.

Methodology:

Lee Rowing Club operates a Positive Safety Culture. This positive Safety Culture will be promoted by:

1. informing participating Clubs of the event rules/safety procedures in advance
2. slip marshals will be in place to check safety features on ALL boats
3. appointing marshals as required on the foreshore/Pontoon and on the river
4. providing Club Rescue Launches

Role of the Safety Advisor:

To support the prevention of accidents at the regatta

To highlight any potential risks and put in place all reasonable measures to prevent those risks causing harm.

To investigate any accidents that may occur

To coordinate with the Regatta Committee to ensure the planning and implementation of a safe and successful regatta

To inform those directly affected by the racing. E.g. Gardaí, shipping, local traffic

Role of Marshals:

Marshal the roads around the boathouse to ensure safety of people and minimising the disruption of local traffic

Ensure the slipway is kept clear of on-lookers and that boats are launched in an orderly manner.

Check boats to make sure they are safe for use

Assist the safety advisor in ensuring the safety of themselves, competitors, event organisers and other river users

Role of Launch Drivers:

The primary aim of all rescue launch drivers is the safety of all river users, within their area of responsibility, for the duration of the regatta. If the launch is being used in secondary duties, such as umpiring, then this duty must give way to this primary aim of safety should the need arise. Launch drivers must not forget the responsibility for their own safety whilst performing these duties.

- Check Engine, Oars, Oarlocks, Bailer, Fuel Tank, Bung and Painter to ensure that they are present and in good working order.
- Carry out a visual inspection of the hull for damage.
- Ensure that each person on-board wears a lifejacket or buoyancy aid.
- Check the propeller for dents and nicks which could cause the engine to vibrate.
- Make sure that nobody is standing in the water near the propeller and that no one is standing behind you when pulling the starting cord.
- Consult the handbook if in doubt about operation of the engine, carburettor flooding or any other issue such as tilting mechanism as these are necessary skills in the event of a rescue of rowers.
- When the engine fires check the cooling water tell-tale and allow the engine to run for a few minutes before closing the choke.
- Make a visual check to ensure that you have sufficient fuel.
- Forbid horseplay and never drink alcohol.
- Do not carry more than the authorised number of passengers in your boat as recommended by the manufacturer.
- Make sure that you co-ordinate your movements on the river with the needs of the Water Co-ordinator and keep in regular communication.

Crew Safety/Responsibility

It is the responsibility of each participating club to ensure that their competing crews are competent to participate in the grade for which they are entered. A map of the river is included in the program. All equipment must comply with the RI Safety regulations; especially bow balls and heel straps.

Boat Accident Recovery Procedure

1. Inform the Safety Advisor/Starting Officer/Other Marshals to ensure that racing is suspended until the incident is under control
2. Approach the incident from down---wind being cognisant of the tidal movements
3. After recovery move persons needing assistance to the Slip Area

The safety of all parties involved in the regatta and other river users is the priority. Abandoned boats or equipment could present a hazard to other athletes/river users and should be removed off the racing course.

Incident Reporting

The Safety Advisor will maintain an incident log for the event in question which will record all reported incidents where safety is concerned. All such incidents will be investigated, where necessary, in order to identify hazards to be managed in future regattas. All regatta officials are instructed to report all incidents to the Safety Advisor.

First Aid and Medical Services

First Aid personnel will be available at the regatta enclosure for the duration of the regatta.

In the event of an Emergency the following are the appropriate contact details:

Emergency Services: 999 or 112 (POSTCODE for Lee Rowing Club is **T12 CX27**)

Anglesea Street Garda Station: 021-4522000

Cork University Hospital: 021- 4922000

Event Co-ordinator:	Safety Advisor:
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