

Maidenhead Regatta Saturday 10th August 2019

Maidenhead Rowing Club, River Road, Taplow, Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 0AT
Website: <http://www.mrc-juniors.org.uk/regatta/index.htm>

SAFEGUARDING AND PROTECTING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS POLICY

The Organisers of the Maidenhead Regatta (Regatta Committee) believe that the welfare and wellbeing of all children is paramount and fully endorses the British Rowing Child Protection Policy. All children, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, religion or ability, have equal rights to safety and protection. All suspicions, concerns and allegations of harm will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.

Mr John Truswell has been appointed as Welfare Officer for this regatta and he will be the point of contact should any child or young person's welfare concerns or allegations arise. He can be contacted on the day by phone via any Race Official stationed around the course and boating areas. He will determine appropriate action to be taken and should an incident warrant such action, will be responsible for reporting to the police and the British Rowing Child Protection Officer.

The crew contact details entered on the British Rowing Entry will be used to contact the adult responsible for any junior reportedly involved in an incident. It is therefore incumbent upon the person submitting the crew entry to ensure that a usable contact number is included in the entry details. On the day of the regatta, a list of contact numbers for the person responsible for each crew will be held at Crew Registration.

Coaches and adults with responsibility for crews racing at the regatta are expected to ensure that boating conditions are suitable for their crews and that appropriate clothing for the prevailing weather conditions is worn by all their crew members, accepting that there may be delays prior to the start of their race. In the event of rough conditions, coaches must assess whether their crew can safely boat and race in the conditions, particularly when a junior or inexperienced cox is involved. Row Safe sections 1.4, 1.7, 1.8 and 3.2 are particularly relevant.

In the event that a junior person goes missing it should be reported to Crew Registration, together with a description of the missing person. This information will then be cascaded out to all race officials and the Welfare Officer. Every effort will then be made to locate the missing person. If the missing junior is not located after 20 minutes, the police will be contacted by the Welfare Officer.

The regatta is held in a river side area which has public access. Whilst competing at the regatta, competitors should be aware that they may be photographed by family, friends or professional

photographers who may subsequently sell their photographs. The regatta committee is not able to prevent photographs being taken in this public space.

Organising Committee of the Maidenhead Regatta

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