

## COVID Risk Assessment for 2021 Staines Amateur Regatta

- The advice contained in this guide must be adhered to and is aligned to the UK Government and British Rowing guidelines for England.
- Guidance and Risk Assessment will be reviewed and updated should Government change its central guidance and restrictions prior to the event taking place.
- As an organising committee we are taking every precaution to keep our competitors and volunteers safe considering the ongoing coronavirus outbreak. Therefore, certain adjustments to the running of the event have been put in place, in line with government guidelines, to keep all participants safe whilst allowing racing to go ahead. In the lead up to the event, the current national and local COVID-19 situation will be reviewed. The event will not run if deemed unsafe by the organising committee or if local restrictions do not permit. Anyone not adhering to these guidelines will be asked to leave.
- Please do not attend the competition if you are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19.

### General Details

Prepared by:	COVID Officer, Staines Amateur Regatta
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Who will be involved?	Competitors from Staines Boat Club and from visiting Clubs, visiting officials, professional visiting safety boats, Official Paramedic, volunteers, spectators/ supporters (although their attendance will be discouraged)
Premises:	Silvery Sands field, Staines. All Regatta functions are run from temporary accommodation (tents) with varying installation of walls. Installations on site for the Regatta will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Toilet block,</li><li>• Regatta HQ marquee,</li><li>• Umpires' finish tent,</li><li>• Refreshment marquee (bar and catering),</li><li>• Burger gazebo,</li><li>• First Aid station (may be only their vehicle but may be extended at First Aid providers' discretion to include a gazebo),</li><li>• Competing Clubs may bring their own gazebos to place along the race course.</li></ul>
Date:	24 <sup>th</sup> July 2021

This risk assessment forms part of the Staines Amateur Regatta safety documentation.

## **Risk Assessment Matrix**

Risk assessment follows the pattern set out in British Rowing's model in their Row Safe Guide.

	<b><u>Severity of Harm</u></b>		
<b><u>Likelihood of Harm</u></b>	<b>Slight Harm</b>	<b>Moderate Harm</b>	<b>Extreme Harm</b>
<b>Very Unlikely</b>	Very Low Risk	Low Risk	Low Risk
<b>Unlikely</b>	Low Risk	Medium Risk	Medium Risk
<b>Likely</b>	Medium Risk	Medium Risk	High risk
<b>Very Likely</b>	Medium Risk	High Risk	Very High Risk

## **Risks and Actions**

### ***Category of Risk***

### ***Action and Timescale***

Very Low

No action required.

Low

No additional controls are required. Consideration may be given to a more effective solution or improvement.

Medium

Efforts should be made to reduce the risk. Risk reduction measures should be implemented within a defined time period. Where the medium risk is associated with harmful/serious consequences further assessment may be necessary to establish more precisely the likelihood of harm as a basis for determining the need for improved control measures.

High

The activity should not be started until the risk has been reduced. Considerable resources may have to be allocated to reduce the risk. Where the risk involves activity already in progress, urgent action should be taken.

Very High

Activity should not be started or continued until the risk has been reduced. If it is not possible to reduce risk even with unlimited resources, activity has to remain prohibited

<b>Hazard</b>	<b>Potential Outcome</b>	<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>Severity of Harm</b>	<b>Measures to Reduce Risk</b>	<b>Overall Risk</b>
Droplet transmission and aerosol generation person to person from an infected person					

Close contact on land	Person becomes infected with Covid-19	Unlikely	Slight	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All activities are outside</li> <li>• Competitors to respect social distancing at all times and advised to wear masks while in the boating area</li> <li>• Racing will be run on a winner stays on basis to minimise land-based activity around boating and landing.</li> <li>• No formal prize giving</li> <li>• The only enclosed facility will be the toilet block. Users will be asked to limit numbers inside at all times during the day. Toilets will be cleaned regularly throughout the day.</li> <li>• All other on-site facilities will have &gt;50% open access</li> <li>• One way system to be established for refreshment marquee and other site installations</li> <li>• No substitutions at the event - to be done online</li> <li>• Regatta Control will not permit entry by competitors and will utilise a one-way queue with social distancing</li> <li>• Briefing for Umpires and Marshalls carried out by Zoom; any briefings required on the day will be conducted outside in small groups</li> <li>• Finish judges to wear masks and minimise number in teams.</li> <li>• Finish judges to sit one behind the other wearing masks</li> <li>• Plan and record of all those umpiring and marshalling</li> </ul>	Low
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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All umpires and volunteers to give Track and Trace details</li> <li>• First Aid personnel to wear PPE – masks, visors, gloves when treating patients</li> </ul>	
Close contact on the water	Person becomes infected with Covid-19	Unlikely	Slight	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Launches – only 2 people per launch and required to wear masks.</li> <li>• All safety launches to be fully equipped with PPE and cleaning materials to clean boats if a rescue is needed.</li> <li>• Safety launches not to come back on duty until launch has been cleaned.</li> <li>• In the event of capsize competitors will be encouraged to get back in unaided in the first instance</li> <li>• All marshals and umpires to be issued with mask, visor, and gloves in case they are required to help a crew – but crews should be encouraged to self-rescue.</li> <li>• Coxes to wear mask and visor (if applicable) in accordance with BR guidance.</li> </ul>	Low
Use of shared equipment	Person becomes infected with Covid-19	Unlikely	Slight	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Competitors to follow own club's COVID guidelines for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cleaning shared boats/equipment (where applicable)</li> <li>○ Use of inside facilities</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Limited shared use of megaphones, radios etc. by umpires/volunteers to the greatest extent possible. Any shared equipment to be sanitised thoroughly at time of transfer</li> </ul>	Low

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteers to be provided with gloves and masks</li> <li>• Launches are not taken off the water</li> <li>• Persons setting up launches wear gloves and wipe launches down with disinfectant at start and end.</li> <li>• As far as possible on-water officials will remain with their launch throughout – personnel changes to be minimised</li> </ul>	
First Aid	Person becomes infected with Covid-19	Unlikely	Slight	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professional First Aid providers to follow own Covid-19 procedures.</li> <li>• Only professionally trained First Aiders on duty (Paramedic and First Aiders)</li> <li>• Safety teams are professional outfits</li> <li>• All the above equipped with PPE plus spares</li> <li>• If casualty is responsive encourage self-care from a safe distance</li> <li>• If casualty is unresponsive wear PPE – gloves to touch, face mask and visor, only touch the very minimum.</li> <li>• Only provide direct First Aid to limit exposure time</li> <li>• Remove and dispose of used PPE</li> <li>• Wash hands thoroughly</li> </ul>	Low
General Public	Person becomes infected with Covid-19	Unlikely	Slight	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The event runs along a public footpath and we cannot prevent public access to the Regatta site and facilities</li> <li>• Participating clubs are asked to minimise spectator numbers.</li> </ul>	Low

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