

SAFETY ADVISOR

WHAT TO DO

You are responsible for the safe running of the event, including (but not limited to):

- issuing instructions to the Starters for the safe commencement of racing
- the supervision of Safety Boats and first aiders
- co-ordinating responses to any incidents
- completion and submission of the BR Safety Report

WHERE TO DO IT

Location is entirely dependent on radio reception on the day. If you cannot communicate directly with the start and long course marshalling launches from the boathouse area (without relying on Radio Relay) you will need to find a spot on the river bank from which you can communicate over the entire length of the course.

HOW TO DO IT

Race Control/Long Start/Short Start/Finish/Safety Advisor will all have club-issued mobile phones with the five mission-critical phone numbers programmed into them. Please use these when radio relay is unreliable or when you urgently need to contact one of the designated positions.

Before launching starts - Ensure throw lines and thermal blankets are available near the rafts, and that the raft marshals know how to use them.

Show First Aiders where to park; exchange mobile phone numbers; give them the BR Safety form to complete; show them where they will be stationed and ensure they are comfortable with their duties.

Meet with Safety Boat crews; exchange mobile phone numbers; send them upriver to clear the course and ask them to report to you when they have done so.

Check all launches to ensure the equipment on board complies with BR Row Safe Guidelines as follows: radio, megaphone, life jacket for each person onboard, first aid kit, safety knife, thermal blankets, spare rope, anchor, paddle, spare kill cord, bailer.

Remind all launch drivers to maintain low speed on the water, unless attending an emergency.

Ensure Safety Boats are in place before launching is allowed to start.

There is no safety briefing for steerers. Race instructions are displayed on the notice board in the clubroom.

Starting the Divisions - When the Safety Boats are in position, and all teams/monitors/observation launches on the river have confirmed they are in place and that the river is clear, advise the Race Manager that it is safe to start. Issue the instruction to the marshalling and start teams to start the race.

Monitor 10 (positioned halfway down the straight) will radio you when the last short course boat has passed. If they are making reasonable progress, you can authorize the long course start. If any crews are struggling, delay the long course start until the last short course boat is further down the straight.

The attached checklist will ensure nothing gets missed.

Incident Response and Reporting - You are responsible for co-ordinating the response to any incident. If appropriate, involve the Welfare Advisor.

In an emergency, radio users should use the PAN PAN emergency call procedure. All other radio communications should cease immediately until the Safety Advisor gives the all clear.

In the event of a collision, capsize or near miss everyone who witnessed it must report it to you as soon as possible – even if there is no injury or damage.

After the Race - Report any incidents to BR, using the online incident reporting site.

Collect the BR Safety form from the First Aiders, and the BR Control Commission forms from the Commissioning Umpire. Submit these to the Regional Safety Advisor ASAP.

SAFETY ADVISOR CHECKLIST

DATE: _____

EVENT: _____

STREAM (FAST/SLOW – agreed at start of day): _____

	DIVISIONS 1 AND 2			DIVISIONS 3 AND 4			DIVISIONS 5 AND 6		
	IN POSITION	CONFIRMED SHORT COURSE CLEAR	CONFIRMED LONG COURSE CLEAR	IN POSITION	CONFIRMED SHORT COURSE CLEAR	CONFIRMED LONG COURSE CLEAR	IN POSITION	CONFIRMED SHORT COURSE CLEAR	CONFIRMED LONG COURSE CLEAR
Monitor 1									
Monitor 2									
Monitor 3									
Monitor 4									
Monitor 5									
Monitor 6									
Monitor 7									
Monitor 8									
Monitor 9									
Monitor 10									
Monitor 11									
Short Start									
Long Start									
Finish									
Permission to Start									