



**Goring & Streatley regatta 2021**  
**Risk Assessment**  
**(A Covid secure & non-spectator event)**

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Areas covered by the risk assessment:

- Onsite rowing events (non-spectator event)

Event held at:

- Lower Basildon site and on Thames River
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**RECORD OF AMMENDMENTS**

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## Risk Categorisation

Individuals who might be harmed	
1	Competitors
2	Other users on water or land: canoeists, sailors, boaters, motorboat users, anglers, swimmers, animals, motorists
3	Regatta officials and volunteers

**Table 1: Categories for likelihood of harm**

	Very unlikely	Unlikely	Likely	Very likely
Typical occurrence	There is a remote chance of individuals being exposed to the hazards.	It is possible that individuals could be exposed to the hazards.	It is probable that individuals will be exposed to the hazards.	There would be frequent opportunities that individuals will be exposed to the hazards.

**Table 2: Categories for severity of harm**

Slight harm	Moderate harm	Extreme harm
Cuts, abrasion – first aid treatment, superficial equipment damage.	Medical treatment required, slight equipment damage.	Fatality or major injury, major equipment damage.

**Table 3: Risk Matrix (Likelihood vs. severity of harm)**

		Severity of harm		
		Slight harm-SH	Moderate harm-MH	Extreme harm-EH
Likelihood of harm	Very unlikely-VU	Very low risk-VLR	Low risk-LR	Low risk-LR
	Unlikely-U	Low risk-LR	Medium risk-MR	Medium risk-MR
	Likely-L	Medium risk-MR	Medium risk-MR	High risk-HR
	Very likely-VL	Medium risk-MR	High risk-HR	Very high risk-VHR

**Table 4: Categories of level of risk**

Category of risk	Evaluation of acceptability
Very low risk	Acceptable
Low risk	
Medium risk	Risks that should be reduced so that they are acceptable - if reasonably practicable to do so
High risk	
Very high risk	Unacceptable

Hazard	Barriers	Hazardous Events	Who may be harmed	Likelihood of harm (V/U/L/VL)	Severity of harm (S/M/E)	Level of risk (VLR/LR/MR/HR/VHR)	Controls
<b>Hazards on land &amp; around the boathouse</b>							
Cars accessing the site, driving down the lane, parking area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have parking attendant manage traffic flow on site to ensure cars can access site easily without holding traffic up on the main road.</li> <li>Have parking attendants manage onsite parking and directing traffic.</li> <li>Speed restriction signs placed along the lane to the boat club (10 mph).</li> <li>Competitors and volunteers to drive slowly on site and to park in designated parking areas.</li> <li>Competitors and volunteers asked to keep emergency exit clear at all times.</li> </ul>	Collision with person / vehicle / object	1,3	U	M	MR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assess situation</li> <li>Call emergency services if serious</li> <li>Provide first aid treatment (if possible)</li> <li>Recover vehicle</li> <li>Record incident</li> </ul>
Cars turning onto the main road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Caution sign placed at junction onto main road warning participants and visitors to take care turning onto the main road</li> </ul>	Collision	1,2,3	U	E	MR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Call emergency services</li> <li>First aid treatment (if possible)</li> </ul>
Slips, trips and falls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keep floor and boathouse tidy</li> <li>There will be limited access to the boathouse for only key regatta personnel.</li> </ul>	Personal injury	1,3	U	S	LR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have first aid kit available</li> <li>Use trained first aiders</li> <li>Seek Medical attention</li> </ul>
Pontoons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pontoon marshals to manage boats landing and launching from pontoons</li> <li>Pontoon and adjoining areas are to be kept clear of trip hazards</li> <li>Pontoons to be kept clean</li> </ul>	Slipping, falling or trapping hands and feet when lifting or carrying boat	1,3	U	S	LR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First aid treatment</li> <li>Seek medical attention if required</li> </ul>

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Cooking / catering equipment e.g. BBQ, gas cookers, kettles etc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cooking equipment and area to be supervised at all times</li> <li>• Keep area clean and tidy</li> <li>• Fire extinguishers available</li> <li>• Cordon off areas that are out of bounds</li> </ul>	Burns/cuts/grazes/fire	1,3	U	M	MR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First aid treatment</li> <li>• Seek medical attention if required</li> <li>• Call emergency services (Fire / Ambulance) if required</li> </ul>
Children on site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Competitors and volunteers are asked not to bring children onsite</li> <li>• However, if this does happen then parents/guardians are advised to stay in the car with the children or to return later if they need to collect a competitor</li> <li>• A Welfare officer will also be on site during the regatta</li> </ul>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Hazards on the water &amp; related to the activity</b>							
Unfavourable weather and / or water conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appropriate club official will conduct risk assessment using boating restriction guidelines and decide if safe to row</li> <li>• Structure activities / events accordingly</li> <li>• Refer to main Club Risk Assessment</li> <li>• Brief participants on risks, barriers, hazards and controls</li> <li>• Have Emergency Response Plan in place</li> </ul>	Incident involving boat/ participant/ other craft/ water user on water e.g. capsize, blown into bank, not able to return to pontoon	1,2	U	M	MR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have safety boat and throw lines available to rescue rowers and recover boat (if possible)</li> <li>• Use throw lines from the bank to pull the boat into the bank (or shallow water)</li> <li>• Carry radio or mobile phone to call for help</li> <li>• Use trained first aiders (if available)</li> </ul>

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Participants unfamiliar with our stretch of the river	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Club members that are familiar with the stretch of river will be used to cox boats</li> <li>Communicate navigation and circulation plan to all coxes and have available on safety noticeboard</li> </ul>	Collision with objects e.g. bridges, islands, barges etc	1,2	U	S	LR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have safety boat and throw lines available to rescue rowers and recover boat (if possible)</li> <li>Use throw lines from the bank to pull the boat into the bank (or shallow water)</li> <li>Carry radio or mobile phone to call for help</li> <li>Use trained first aiders (if available)</li> </ul>
Water-borne hazards e.g. Weil's disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participants / visitors advised <b>not</b> to drink river water or tap water and wash hands after contact with the water</li> <li>A portable loo and washbasin with water, soap and/or hand-wash gel is available on site</li> </ul>	Weil's disease (Leptospirosis)	1,3	VU	M	LR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seek medical attention</li> <li>Provide guidance on the symptoms and to seek medical treatment immediately (also available on safety noticeboard)</li> </ul>

## Covid Precautions

Hazard	Risk from hazard	Person/s at risk	Control measures put into place to reduce the hazard identified	Likelihood	Severity	Risk
Social distancing on the water	Person/s becoming infected with COVID-19	Competitors, volunteers	<p>Safety Launches:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All volunteers will be equipped with appropriate PPE.</li> <li>Safety Marshals in safety launches should be from the same social bubble where possible. If this is not possible, social distancing will be adhered to through one person sitting at the front of a launch and one at the back.</li> <li>A plan as to who is marshalling will be agreed upon before the event to minimise the risk.</li> <li>Safety marshals to not enact rescues unless critical.</li> </ul> <p>Competitors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain at least 2 boat lengths distance when out on the water.</li> <li>In the event of a capsize athletes will be encouraged to try and get back into their boat, if it is safe to do so, or will be brought into the launch as per normal procedures.</li> <li>Replacement PPE will be provided to the launch crew.</li> </ul>	Unlikely	Slight	Low
Social distancing on land	Person/s becoming infected with COVID-19	Competitors, volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The regatta will be a closed event with no spectators allowed on site.</li> <li>The regatta site will be laid out to make use of all available space and allow for ample social distancing.</li> <li>All volunteers and competitors will be reminded to maintain social distancing.</li> <li>All reasonable steps to maintain a 2m distance whilst on the land at the boathouse site.</li> <li>Where a 2m distance cannot be observed, a minimum distance of 1m will be observed with mitigations to help manage the transmission risk.</li> <li>There will be limited access to the boathouse for only key regatta personnel.</li> </ul>	Unlikely	Slight	Low

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			Competitors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Racing will take place in divisions at set times to limit the number of competitors required on site at any one time.</li> <li>• Specified boating times will be given to each crew, so the movement and number of competitors near the boating area and around the clubs is strictly controlled.</li> <li>• There will be more pontoon frontage to allow for better social distancing.</li> <li>• Pontoon marshals will manage crews boating and landing to avoid congestion on the pontoons</li> <li>• Information regarding boating location and the specific area competitors will be given for use during the day will have been sent out to competitors before the race. This will ensure that competitors are suitably separated when on land, and gives people designated areas to wait to be called for their race.</li> </ul>			
Shared use of facilities	Person/s becoming infected with COVID-19.	Competitors and volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The land at Goring Gap Boat Club will be used however, the boathouse will not be used except in the event of a capsized/medical situation and for race control.</li> <li>• Volunteers who are required to use indoor areas will do so in a Covid-secure manner as per club protocol.</li> <li>• Cleaning and hygiene procedures will be in place in line with UK Government guidance.</li> <li>• Appropriate methods of waste disposal for cleaning products e.g. wipes will be put into place.</li> <li>• Touch points across the site will be cleaned regularly during the course of the day.</li> <li>• Gazebos will be provided as indoor facilities are not available if inclement weather is present.</li> </ul> Toilets:	Unlikely	Moderate	Moderate

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>User will be asked to wipe down any surfaces after use (including inside and outside door handles) with the disinfectant spray and blue roll provided.</li> <li>Toilets will be cleaned every hour and deep cleaned every 4 hours.</li> </ul>			
Shared use of equipment (launches, club blades, club boats)	Person/s becoming infected with COVID-19.	Competitors, Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Boats and other shared equipment will be cleaned before and after each use as per club Covid protocol.</li> <li>Competitors advised to travel to the club wearing the kit that they intend to row in.</li> <li>All boats and equipment will be stored outside so as to minimise the need for people to enter the boathouse</li> <li>Crews will keep their racing number throughout the day.</li> </ul>	Unlikely	Slight	Low
Catering facilities	Person/s becoming infected with COVID-19.	Competitors, Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Food or drinks sold must comply with UK Government guidance.</li> <li>All food and drinks will be sold for take away only.</li> <li>No alcohol will be served.</li> </ul>	Unlikely	Slight	Low
Maintaining hygiene	Person/s becoming infected with COVID-19.	Competitors, Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Everyone visiting the site are encouraged to regularly wash their hands with soap and water provided. If this isn't possible then an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.</li> <li>Sanitizing stations to be available around the site.</li> </ul>	Unlikely	Slight	Low
First Aid	Person/s becoming infected with COVID-19.	Competitors, Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All first aiders will have up-to-date training and be equipped with appropriate PPE.</li> <li>All safety launches will be equipped with appropriate PPE. This should include face mask, apron, and gloves for those in the launch, and a spare face mask for anyone that might need rescuing.</li> <li>If the casualty is responsive and able to follow selfcare advice, encourage them to do this from a safe distance.</li> <li>In other situations, for example, when a casualty is unresponsive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where possible wear gloves when touching or handling the casualty.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Unlikely	Slight	Low



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Wear a face cover/mask if available and consider placing a face cover/mask over the face of the casualty.</li> <li>○ Only handle/touch what is absolutely essential, remembering that all surfaces in and around the casualty may be contaminated by the virus.</li> <li>● Only provide essential direct first aid in order to limit your exposure time.</li> <li>● This may include controlling significant bleeding, applying a dressing, use of an adrenaline autoinjector, assessing for responsiveness by shaking the person and shouting, and positioning of a casualty. After administering first aid, it is essential to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Remove and dispose of any PPE (used PPE should be treated as clinical waste).</li> <li>○ Wash hands thoroughly with soap and hot water for at least 20 seconds.</li> <li>○ Wash all clothing as soon as practicable.</li> <li>○ Be prepared to self-isolate and follow national guidance if COVID-19 symptoms develop after providing direct first aid.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			
Test and trace	Person/s becoming infected with COVID-19	Competitors, Volunteers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● QR code to displayed onsite and all competitors and volunteers entering the site will be asked to “check-in” with the NHS App or provide their contact details.</li> <li>● Use correct reporting procedures if symptoms develop within 48 hours of the regatta.</li> </ul>	Very unlikely	Slight	Low
Public Rights of Way	Person/s becoming infected with COVID-19	Competitors, Volunteers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● There is no public right of way on the club site.</li> <li>● The club site will be for competitors and volunteers only.</li> </ul>	Very unlikely	Slight	Low

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