

Thames Ditton Regatta 2018

Under British Rowing Rules and Row Safe Code

Juniors: Welfare Policy and Plan

Welfare Policy

The organising committee of Thames Ditton Regatta intends to ensure that any allegations or concerns of harm to juniors involved in the event are taken seriously and responded to quickly and appropriately.

A welfare officer will be appointed for the event and will act as the point of contact for any allegations or concerns. Their contact details will be included on the event's web site.

Welfare Plan

The welfare officer for this event will be **Sarah Searle** who will be available throughout the duration of the event and can be contacted on **07721 994724**, via any regatta official on the radio network or at the **Welfare Tent**.

The Welfare Officer will determine appropriate action to be taken, and should any incident warrant such action, will be responsible for reporting to the police and the British Rowing child protection officer.

Given the nature of the event, where crews are boating from a variety of locations along the river, it is not possible for the event organizers to take responsibility for security at any specific location. Adults with responsibility for children entered in the event are expected to ensure that boating locations are suitable. Adults – coaches and parents – are also reminded of the need for suitable clothing for the event, given that there is the possibility of a wait before the start; crew coaches are further reminded that in rough conditions, it is they who must make the assessment of whether their crew can safely boat and race in the conditions – particularly so where there is a junior cox.

In the event that a child goes missing, the Welfare Officer should be contacted and she will contact the police if this has not already been done.

The Crew contact details entered on BROE will be used to contact the adult responsible for any junior reportedly involved in an incident. It is therefore incumbent upon the person entering the crew to ensure that a usable contact number is included in the entry. No individual contact details for juniors will be held by the committee.

All competitors in the event may be photographed by amateurs or professionals who sell their photographs, and these photographs may be used for identification or publicity purposes. TDR cannot prevent this, as the river banks are open to the public. Officials and competitors must be **aware** of this.