

Hexham Regatta 2025- Standard Risk Assessment

On water hazards - Risk Assessment

Hazard	Initial Risk	Consequence	Prevention	Control Measure	Final Risk
Bad conditions (wind and water) or their deterioration	Medium	Possible boat capsize or sinking Hypothermia	Some or all races may be suspended or cancelled by the Race Committee Individual competitors at liberty to withdraw Crews and coxswains must wear appropriate clothing	Race control monitor weather and water conditions Competing club requirement	Low
Bad conditions (lightning)	Low	Possible injury Hypothermia	Some or all races may be suspended or cancelled. Any crew on the water will be called back to the finish and asked to come off the water. Individual competitor at liberty to withdraw	Race Committee	Low
Weir at finish	Medium	Injury to person and damage to boats	All crews must read safety note and be aware of hazard	Competing crews requirement Race Control will notify crews over public address if they feel a crew is too near to the weir	Low

Equipment failure	Medium	Possible injury Boat Capsize, sinking or unrowable	All boats to comply with BR Row Safe. Boats may be inspected before launching. Marshals and Umpires can prevent unsafe boats being launched	Competing club requirement Pontoon Marshal / Control Commission	Low
Collision with other rowing boats	Medium	Possible injury Boat capsize, sinking or unrowable	Landing Stage Marshals supervising launching Leave from upper stage, land at lower stage Warming up or practicing is forbidden Crews must launch with their opposition Crews instructed to keep race and finish area clear Race Umpires must keep racing crews apart Race Umpires must warn of hazards Basic competence of coxswain and steersmen Pairs of competing crews will row up to the start in the bankside lane, keeping close to the bank on their right hand side	Landing Marshals Club Officials deployed along the course Via Safety Instructions.	Low

Collision with bank, buoys, fixed obstructions or floating debris	Medium	Possible injury Boat capsize, sinking or unrowable	Course Map shows known obstructions Safety Launch will clear debris if hazardous Race Umpires must warn of hazards Basic competence of coxswains and steersmen	Map available and on display Course inspected the previous day Club Officials deployed along the course.	Low
Congestion in the start area	Medium	Possible injury Boat capsize, sinking or unrowable	Limit number of boats in the start area Boats in start area supervised and monitored	Start area supervised by Start Marshall Launching controlled by Start Marshall	Low
Congestion in landing area	Medium	Possible injury, collision, boat capsize, boat damage	Landing pattern in local rules and circulated to competitors Landing Marshall present	Landing Marshall to enforce safe and timely landing	Low
Boat capsize, sinking or unrowable	High	Crew unable to return to landing Competitors in the water	Shoe types allow quick escape from boat Scullers should have been instructed on Capsize Drill by their club Safety Launch will attend incidents to pull people out of the water Racing will be stopped if necessary	Competing club requirement launch will have two crew Radio communication	Low

Sudden illness to a competitor	Medium	Possible capsize (especially in single scull). Boat unable to proceed	Clubs request all competitor to check they have no medical condition prior to taking up rowing. Safety Launch will attend incidents to pull people out of the water Racing will be stopped if necessary	Competing club requirement. Landing Marshall can prevent underdressed or ill-looking competitors from boating. Safety Launch will have two crew Radio communication	Low
Competitor in the water	High	Shock Hypothermia Drowning	Coxswain required to wear life jackets All competitors required to be able to swim Boats will normally remain buoyant Rapid Safety Launch response, Launch will carry throw line Thermal blankets available in launch and at Race Control	Competing club requirement Race Officials -employed along the course Launches deployed Equipment in Launches Equipment in boathouse First aid on site	Low
Competitor injury or illness	Medium	Treatment required. Possible emergency	First aid provider on site First aid kit available in Safety Launch and at Regatta Control Procedure for calling Emergency Services in Place and notify Ambulance Service	Race Officials deployed along the course Police/Ambulance Control notified First aid on site	Low

Medical Emergency	Medium	Urgent and/or major treatment required	First Aid on site provided by a professional organisation Procedure for calling Emergency Services in place and notified Ambulance Service Race arrangements approved by medical officer	Police / Ambulance Control notified of event	Low
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Hazards on the Land - Risk Assessment

Injury in trailer park area	Medium	Injury Damage to boats	Cars and trailers parked according to published trailer plan	First Aid cover present at event	Low
Injury to spectators / members of the public along the public footpath, in front of the boathouse / clubhouse at Tyne Green.	Medium	E.g. Struck by boat during carrying E.g Trip hazard when equipment left unattended	Notice to be placed either end of public footpath warning footpath users of the event Site layout plan to be prepared before event as guide to competitors and race officials Competition instructions to keep clear access to pathway along river	First Aid cover present. Instructions to competing crews Race Marshals to monitor area during event	Low
Slips from path, steps or pontoon	Low	Injury Spectator in the water	Marshall at landing stage to ensure safety of crews and others.	First Aid cover present	Low

Anti-social behaviour (members of the public) e.g. stone throwing, jumping in water etc	Low	Boat capsize Injury to crew	Race Marshals instruction to report all incidents to race Control and Safety Advisor	Call police	Low
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