

# TEAM KEANE SCULLING SCHOOL EVENTS 2017

## COMPETITORS SAFETY PLAN

### **INTRODUCTION**

It will take you no more than five minutes to read this Safety Plan. Please do so. It will help to ensure that your day at a Team Keane Sculling School Event is trouble free and safe.

Any comments or questions on this plan should be raised with Race Control.

### **PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY**

The Regatta Committee will endeavour to provide a safe racing environment. This does not replace an individual's responsibility to themselves, fellow competitors, spectators and other river users to conduct themselves in a safe and responsible manner throughout the event.

**It is the responsibility of all competitors to read and understand all Regatta documentation available to them**

Read & understand your circulation pattern. Make sure you understand;

1. The direction of the tide and follow the correct circulation pattern.
2. Know exactly where you will be marshalling before the start of your race.
3. Understand which station you will be on when racing, and correctly manoeuvre before the start & end of each race
4. Be advised that the river will not be closed for the duration of the regatta, so you will be expected to follow the correct tidal navigation in line with the tideway code. Please follow the link below for further guidance on navigation on the Thames.  
[http://www.pla.co.uk/assets/THE\\_ROWING\\_CODE.pdf](http://www.pla.co.uk/assets/THE_ROWING_CODE.pdf)
5. In the event your event is abandoned & due to the navigation of other river users you will be expected to follow the Marshals instructions.

**Anything that is unclear or not understood should be clarified at Registration. We would much rather you asked if anything is unclear rather than risk yourself or your crew(s)**

### **KEY PERSONNEL & LOCATIONS**

Located at UL Boat House TKSS Bay

Chief Umpire	-	Valentin Pitricariu
Regatta Control	-	Miranda Keane
Water Safety Adviser	-	Paul Keane
Medical Advisors	-	Craig Judd & Lloyd Seaman

Crew Registration: is located in the TKSS Bay at UL Boat house (Middle Bay)

### **SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Safety Launch cover will be provided during racing. The Safety Launch will be generally situated about halfway up the course.

Race Umpires launches will also provide assistance in case of emergency.

Charing Cross Hospital is the nearest hospital.

Charing Cross Hospital  
Fulham Palace Road,  
Hammersmith  
London, W6 9NT

All Regatta Officials are in open radio contact with Regatta Control who will summon the Emergency Services in case of need.

**Accidents:** On Land: - Contact the nearest official  
On Water - Stay with your boat, **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO SWIM AWAY FROM YOUR BOAT**. Wait for the Safety Launch and/or Umpires launch. Accept all assistance & obey all instructions given to you.

**Telephones:** The nearest telephone is situated in the TKSS bay, Mobile allowed for emergency use. If a Competitor has a need to summon the assistance of the Emergency Services, dial 999 and request '**COASTGUARD**'. The Coastguard will then direct the most appropriate form of assistance to the incident.

### **SAFEGUARDING & PROTECTING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS**

Any concerns should be reported to Race control/Crew registration desk or any Regatta Official.

TKSS Welfare Office – ALAN KUNNA welfare@teamkeane.com  
BR Child Protection Officer 0208 237 6700

### **RIVER EVACUATION**

If a need to get all Regatta crews and personnel off the river arises as in the case of severe weather [lightning being seen or thunder heard] or any other reason, Regatta Control will call a 'RIVER EVACUATION'.

Once this is called, the object is to get crews off the water as safely and quickly as possible all the while maintaining calm and order. **Crews on the water** will be instructed to return to UL Boat House or put in to shore if MAA or Putney Town RC steps are nearer, and will be escorted there by water borne Regatta personnel.

Once ashore, beach your boat AND GET UNDER COVER **BUT NOT UNDER TREES**

Please comply promptly with all instructions given by Regatta Officials during any emergency situation

**THE REGATTA COMMITTEE WISHES ALL COMPETITORS A SAFE, ENJOYABLE AND SUCCESSFUL DAYS RACING**