

# I.1 Communication

## Objective:

**Risks, rules and guidance are effectively communicated to everyone involved in rowing.**

British Rowing, Regions, Clubs and Events should effectively communicate information and advice to all British Rowing members to ensure that they are able to manage applicable risks and that their actions both on and off the water do not compromise the safety of others. Communication methods include:

- Club and Event safety notice boards.
- Websites and emails.
- Training and documentation.

## Responsibilities

### Everyone

- Frequently checks the various communication methods.
- Reviews the information available and takes appropriate action.

### British Rowing

- Issues and maintains guidance on improving rowing safety, acting primarily on advice from the Honorary Rowing Safety Adviser and the Rowing Safety Committee.
- Recommends action as a result of incidents that may come to the attention of the Rowing Safety Committee.
- Provides information, advice and assistance to; any member of British Rowing, rowing participant, regional or local Rowing Safety Adviser or member of the public on any aspects of rowing safety.
- Communicates using electronic and paper publications, training materials, notices and the safety aspects of the Rules of Racing.

### Regional Rowing Council

- Promotes and supports communication and emphasises the regional aspects of British Rowing's information, guidance and assistance through regional training and communication.
- Issues and maintains any regional guidance on rowing safety, acting primarily on advice from the Regional Rowing Safety Adviser.
- Recommends action as a result of incidents that may come to the attention of the Regional Rowing Safety Adviser.
- Maintains regular communication with local navigation authorities and other regional stakeholders and circulates any information to clubs.
- Communicates using electronic and paper publications, training materials and notices.

### Club

- Promptly reviews all advice issued by British Rowing and the Regional Rowing Council to the Club Rowing Safety Adviser, and takes action when required.
- Ensures club risk assessment, rules, procedures and advice is updated as appropriate and makes members aware of changes.
- Maintains regular communication with all local water users and other stakeholders and circulates any information to members.
- Ensures all members are aware of and able to check the communication methods used by the club.
- Communicates using electronic and paper rules, procedures, training materials and notices.

### Event

- Promptly reviews all advice issued by British Rowing and the Regional Rowing Council to the Event Rowing Safety Adviser, and takes action when required.
- Ensures event risk assessment, local rules, procedures and advice is updated as appropriate and makes competitors aware of changes.
- Ensures all competitors are aware of and able to check the communication methods used by the event.
- Communicates using electronic and paper rules, procedures, training materials and notices.

## Coach

- Communicates rules and safety recommendations to rowers under their supervision.
- Reports all perceived safety issues to the Club Rowing Safety Adviser and Club Committee.

## Further information

RowSafe +  
I.1a Safety Notice Boards  
I.1b Web Communications  
I.1c Training and Induction Material