

Alternative Arrangements Plan

Introduction

Weather forecasts will be monitored throughout and prior to the event. The Event Safety Adviser and Race Director will monitor conditions and decide whether the regatta can continue as planned or whether alternative arrangements are needed.

If conditions dictate then the event may be reorganised in one or more of the following ways: -

- The event may be restricted to certain types of boat (e.g. C4x+ only)
- The event may be restricted to highly competent and experienced crews
- A floating start and finish may be used if beach conditions dictate
- The course may be shortened or modified
- A race may be temporarily delayed
- An alternative course inside Poole harbour may be used.

If launch conditions on the beach dictate, then it may be necessary to have a floating start. Crews will be launched in smaller numbers and will wait beyond the beach break (offshore of the breaking waves). This will allow boat handlers to focus on a smaller number of boats at any one time.

In the event that the planned operational area becomes unusable, or if visibility at sea is very poor (fog), then the event will relocate to Lake Beach, see Appendix I.

If conditions on approach to the beach dictate then it may be necessary to have a floating finish and land one crew on the beach at a time while the others wait beyond the beach break (offshore of the breaking waves). This will allow boat handlers to focus on a smaller number of boats at any one time.

If several of the safety boats are assisting casualties, the Event Director shall reassess the risk to event as whole, abandon the event and evacuate the course.

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Alternative landing locations - Shelters

In the event of the race beach being closed by large waves, returning crews will be instructed to row to one of the pre-determined shelters.



SHELTER A: (Easterly winds)

Inside Poole Harbour – Sandbanks Yacht Co.
(Casualty landing and pick-up/drop-off umpires)

SHELTER B: (Easterly winds)

Shell Bay West – rowing boat landing site (access permitted through Marine boatyard to National Trust Car Park opposite)

SHELTER C: (South Easterly winds)

Shell Bay East. No vehicular access

Actions shall be:

- The Event Director (or in his absence the Event Safety Adviser) shall decide whether the returning crews should be diverted to alternative landing locations (shelters)
- Race Control shall inform all safety launches, umpires and marshal boats of the decision.
- The Event Safety Adviser will allocate the waterborne assets to escort the fleet to shelter.
- If using Shell Bay (east or west) food and warmth provisions (including footwear & possibly de-digging tools) to be taken across on the ferry to meet the crews
- A marshal boat shall stand off the shore break to instruct crews informing them which shelter they shall proceed to.
- Crew Captains once ashore shall report their presence to the designated **Shelter Recorder** and await further instructions.

Name	Postcode	Contact	Road access and slip
Sandbanks Yacht Club	BH13 7RD	01202 611262	Yes
Shell Bay Marine – West Beach	BH19 3BA	01929 450340 / 07834 492987	Yes
Shell Bay East Beach	BH19 3BA	07853 986345	No

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Rowers' alternative landing site: Shelter B – Shell Bay West



Appendix I - Alternative Course

In the event that sea or other conditions render the Sandbanks course unsafe, the event will be moved to Lake Beach in Poole harbour.

The location is marked here:-



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CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Lake Beach can be reached from Lake Drive, there is a car park and toilets at Lake Pier

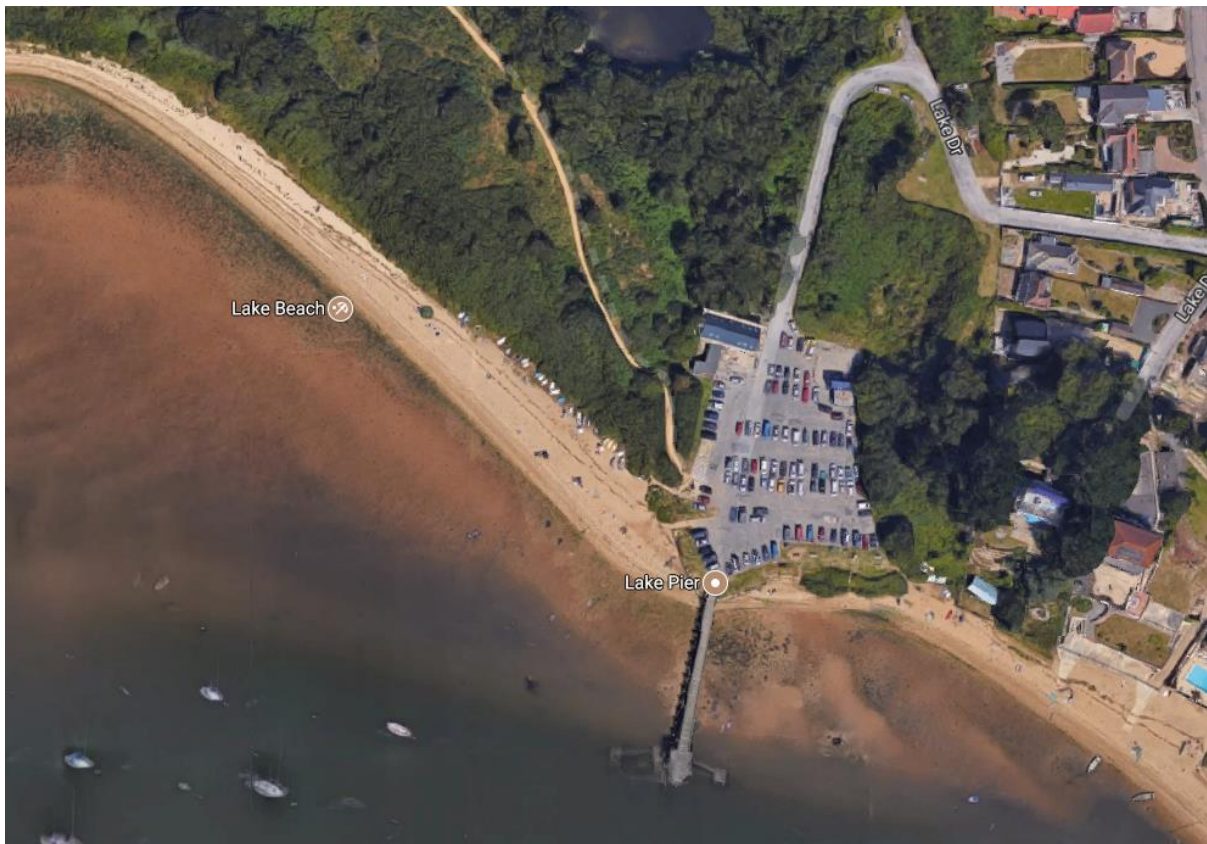


If heading east on Lake Drive then take the second of the two left turns following the signs for “Toilets” and “Beach Car Park”.



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This is the location:-



This is a view of the Lake Beach area from the car park:-



Participants may need something to protect their feet (flip-flops).

It may be appropriate to have a floating start and finish.

The Ambulance will be located in the car park and casualties will be landed direct onto the beach, near the car park and ambulance.