**Example Regatta Information for Competitors**

The competition is conducted under British Rowing Rules of Racing and RowSafe

**Regatta Control**

Regatta Control is situated in the green tent in the Regatta Field close to the Finish Umpires’ area.

#### Communications

#### There is very little mobile phone coverage in the vicinity of the lake. In an emergency contact Regatta Control. There is a landline telephone in the wooden building in the Regatta field by the lake, close to Regatta Control.

**Incident Procedure:**

Minor incidents on the lake will be dealt with by the Safety Boat drivers assisted by the Umpire’s boat drivers as appropriate.

Minor incidents on Land will be dealt with by Regatta Control assisted as appropriate.

First aid cover support will be provided at Regatta Control.

In the event of a major incident, outside assistance shall be coordinated by Regatta Control.

Racing may be suspended or cancelled in the event of an incident.

**Abandonment Procedure**

If the organisers decide the conditions are unsafe or become unsafe they shall decide whether to use the alternative course or to abandon, or temporarily suspend the Regatta.

In the event of the Regatta being abandoned or suspended, announcements shall be made and all crews will come ashore.

**First Aid**

First Aid support is available from Regatta Control.

**Boat Preparation area**

Boats should be rigged and de-rigged in the area shown above as for “Boats and Trailers only”.

#### Boat Safety

Crews **must not** get boated before being paired with competitors by Marshals. Random checks of safety equipment (e.g. heel straps, bow balls, hatch covers, etc) as well as coxes’ lifejackets will be carried out by a British Rowing Umpire or delegated officer as an audit check for safety conformance. It must be emphasised that it is the Clubs’ and master of the vessel’s responsibility – not that of the Regatta – to ensure that they row in equipment that conforms to RowSafe. The passing of a random check, for example on a bow ball, should not be interpreted as tacit approval or acceptance by the competition that the boat as a whole is safe.

**Boat Launching and Recovery**

Boats may be launched from and recovered to the edge of the Lake as shown in the above plan or from the white pontoon.

**Dogs**

Dogs must be kept on a lead and out of the water at all times.

**Safety Boats**

There shall be two safety boats located between the course and the route to the start.

**Route to the start, and the course**



Crews proceeding to the start should be aware that the boat carrying the Umpire of each race will need to proceed at speed in order to keep up with the race and may thereby create a wash.

The line of buoys to the West of the course separates the route to the start from the course. The line of buoys to the east of the course separates the route that the Umpires boats will take from the finish to the start. **Any crews that cross either line during a race will endanger themselves and others and WILL BE DISQUALIFIED. Any crews on the way to the start who row onto the course and thereby endanger, hinder or otherwise inconvenience a crew in a race WILL ALSO BE DISQUALIFIED.**

Crews wishing to practise starts should do so in an otherwise empty part of the Lake away from the direct route to the start so as not to inconvenience other crews on their way to the start. Crews wishing to warm-up may do so in the area to the east of the start line and must not stop on the route to the start.

The area of the lake under and past the bridge is a Nature Reserve and no crew may enter this area.

The start line will be marked by two red buoys, the start umpire’s boat being located at one end of the start line as shown. All crews must come under starters’ orders 5 minutes before the published start time of the race (or five minutes before the first heat if the event has heats).

The start of the 500m course will be marked by two red buoys, this is also the mid point of the 1000 m course.

Lane 1 will be on the starboard side of the course. This is closest to the start Umpire’s boat and on the Regatta field side of the course.

The finish line is defined as the line between a post in the Regatta field and a flagpole on the far side of the lake. Two round red buoys will be located close to the finish line.