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In carrying out this risk assessment the following format has been utilised where an initial scoring system of “Likelihood against Severity” has been determined to establish the extent of the risk. This resultant score will indicate if existing precautions are adequate or whether additional measures are required.

Risk Matrix	Control Measures	Instructions for Completion
	■ 15-25: Very high risks with potential of serious consequences. Eliminate risk by review of options and change as a priority. ■ 8-12: Reduce risks identified to as low as reasonably practicable by specific controls, planning and supervision. Provision of special method statements and instruction of all parties involved. □ 3-6: Acceptable providing risks are managed and activities are carried out by competent personnel in accordance with safe working practices and statutory obligations. ■ 1-2: No further consideration required.	♦A risk is the likelihood of a substance, activity or process to cause harm. Risk is also linked to the severity of its consequences and can be reduced. ♦L = Likelihood S = Severity RR = Risk Rating (i.e. LxS) ♦Risk improvement requirements should be listed in the Control Measures section in Italic print.

Severity					
5 Fatality	25	20	15	10	5
4 Major Injury Dangerous Occurrence	20	16	12	8	4
3 Injury Damage	15	12	9	6	3
2 Minor Injury	10	8	6	4	2
1 Negligible Effect	5	4	3	2	1
X Likelihood	Likely 5	Probable 4	Occasional 3	Remote 2	Improbable 1

Control measures are introduced to reduce the risks then the assessment is carried out again to give a revised score. The aim is to reduce risks as far is as reasonably practicable.
Persons at risk throughout the assessments are classified in categories as follows :-

Category 1 - Bridgnorth Rowing Club Members
Category 2 - Bridgnorth Rowing Club Guests and Visiting Competitors
Category 3 - Members of Public

This Risk Assessment will be review annually or as required e.g. following changes in legislation, best practise advice and guidance, new information becoming available, club practices, any accident or near miss.

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I.D.	**Potential Hazard**	**People At Risk**	**Barriers**	**Hazardous event**	**Likelihood**	**Severity**	**Rating**	**Control Measures**
1.	Safeguarding	1,2,3.	Welfare officers for regatta and visiting clubs.	• Possible abuse of the Welfare of Juniors and other Vulnerable Persons	3	4	12	• British Rowing Safeguarding Po be followed. • BRC Safeguarding Officer will b throughout the regatta and can contacted via Race Control. • All schools will have a safeguar representative on site throughou regatta. • All clubs are advised to have a safeguarding representative on throughout the regatta.
2.	Manual Handling	1,2.	Marshalls giving clear instructions Taped off routes for on and off.	• Possible slight injury Carrying boats to and from landing stage and trailer park • Carrying boats up and down landing stage steps	3	3	9	• Crews are expected to have bee by their clubs in manual handlin especially boat handling. • Coxes and coaches will direct c during boat handling and carryin • The route from the trailer park to landing stage is flat, it passes o and tarmac and is clearly marke • BRC marshals will direct crews control boat movement on the s landing stage. • Trestles will be provided in the C Commission area for boats to b on while awaiting inspection.

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3.	Oars, equipment, and rough surfaces	1,2,3.	Limit people on the landing stage by using marshals' Store oars and sculls out of the way so no one can trip over them Highlight rough terrain if any on route .	• Possible slip.trips and falls fom theTrailer Park and Landing Stage while boat handling. • Landing Stage • Inside boathouse • On Severn Park	4	3	12	• The surface of the trailer park, E park and the towpath are level a sound. • Extra care will be required if the wet. • Crews are expected to have bee by their clubs in manual handlin especially boat handling. • Coxes and coaches will direct a supervise crews during boat har and carrying. • The route from the trailer park to landing stage is level, it passes grass and tarmac and is clearly • BRC marshals will direct crews control boat movement on the s landing stage. • Access to the landing stage will limited to crews and boat handle order to avoid congestion. This controlled by marshals. • Marshals will also make sure tha pedestrians using the towpath a safe from collision with boats be to and away from the steps.

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4.	Collision/Struck by moving object	1,2,3.	Circulation pattern on water to avoid boats colliding. Marshalling of boats and crews to and from the trailer park and landing stage. Ask cyclists to dismount in congested areas.	• Boats colliding with other boats or fixed features. • Persons struck by boat while it is being handled on land. • Cycling on towpath	3	3	9	• Captains and coaches to en all competitors are aware of circulation pattern. • Practising on the way up to t is not allowed. • Any instructions given by um and marshals must be follow • Boats being moved from anc trailer park must follow the n route. • It is the responsibility of club schools to ensure that all co steers are competent. • Control Commission checks • Coxes and steers are respor keeping a good look out anc collision with other boats or features. • Coxes and steers must follo instructions given by umpire marshals. • Qualified First Aiders will be throughout the regatta. They in the safety launches and a Race Control. They can be c by radio or at Race Control. • Following races on bicycles

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5.	Capsize, before during or after a race	1,2.	Rescue launches along course. Circulation pattern to be adhered to on the water. Umpires to oversee	• Drowning • Struck by blade while in the water • Struck by boat while in the water • Hypothermia	4	4	16	• In the event of a capsize, **<u>Stay With The Boat</u>** ! • All crews are expected to be competent to navigate to the and take part in a race. • All coxes to wear approved lifejackets which must be ch before use. • Control Commission checks • Crews making their way up t start must keep a lookout for on the course and stay close bank to allow them to pass. • Two fully equipped rescue la manned by RYA L2 qualified and a qualified first aider in attendance at all times. Both launches are in 2-way radio at all times with umpires and control. • Umpires and Safety Crews w racing if people in the water any danger from other boats • Any person in the water will rescued and ASAP and will to dry land for assessment.

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6.	Grounding boats on shallows	1,2.	Buoyed off shallow water areas. Marshalls keeping lookout, safety launch in vicinity.	• Boats becoming grounded on shallows above the start and below the finish • Possible damage to equipment and capsize	3	3	9	• The areas above the start and b finish are marshalled and buoye • All coxes and steers must be aw the Regatta Course Map which the Competitor Information docu issued to every competing club school. • Instructions from umpires and m must be followed. • Any boat grounded on the shallo be assisted by a safety launch if required.
7.	Other boats on course.	1,2,3.	Stop racing when canoe trip enters regatta course. Communication with trip organiser.	• Possible collision Other Canoeists on canoe trips	4	2	8	• Racing to be stopped until cano cleared the course.

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8.	Excessive hot weather		Ensure competitors protect themselves from the Sun, Broadcast on the PA to wear sun block/hat and keep Hydrated.	• Excessive exposure to sun/heat to competitors, officials, regatta personnel and general pubic spectators. possible heat stroke/sun burn	4	4	10	•
9.	Medical Emergency	1,2,3.	Communication with Emergency services A and E. First Aid Centre at Regatta. X2 Defribulators available. Wash/sanitise for any contact with river water.	• Severe illness such as cardiac arrest ,asthma attack. • Potential diseases such as weil's disease.	3	4	12	• Safety boats will recover injurec persons to dry land for assessm Professional First Aiders. • Defribulators available. • Be aware if rodents have been previous cases have been reco weil's disease, cordon off area rats seen, wash any open woun immediately. • See BRC Emergency plan for d summoning the emergency serv

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10.	Change in Weather Conditions	1,2,3.	Organisers to suspend racing and get crews off water if they decide . Remind crews and coxes to have plenty of correct clothing if they have to wait for their race	• Electrical Storms • High winds • Fast Stream • Cold weather • Fast rising water, flooding	2	4	8	• Provisions laid down in the docu "Developing an actionplan for ris lightning" available from British I tobe followed, • Suspension and resumption of r should follow the 30/30rule: raci should stop when the flash-to-ba is 30seconds, and should not re until 30 minutes after the last lig • All crews to leave the water imm instructions from Safety Adviser Committee Chairman. • Rowers and spectators to move from the bank and to areas of sa • Control Commission checks
11.	Electricity	1,2,3.	Correct safe routing of cables operating equipment at regatta. Equipment, i.e. PA system, catering, to have been pat tested and in a safe condition.	• Electrocution • Burns • Fire • Property Damage	2	4	8	• BRC Fire Safety R Assessment and Risk Assessment the risks associat fire within the buil (copies available request) • Boathouse fixed w tested in Septemb (Requirements for Electrical Installat 7671IET Wiring Regulations • All electrical items PAT tested in • All fire extinguishers inspected i February 2025.

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12.	Fire	1,2,3.	Ample of in date fire extinguishers available . Electrical and catering equipment all to have been tested and safe.	• Burns • Property damage	2	4	8	• BRC Fire Safety Risk Assessme General Risk Assessment cove risks associated with a fire withi building (copies available on rec • Boathouse fixed wiring tested in September 2021 (Requirements Electrical Installations - BS 767 Wiring Regulations • All electrical items PAT tested in 2025 • All fire extinguishers inspected i February 2025 • Smoking is not allowed anywhe clubhouse.
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13.	Catering and lack of hygiene	1,2,3	Food preparations to be to carried out to the correct standards. Extra care when handling hot liquids. Refrigeration available in the catering area.	• Food poisoning • Burns from hot drinks	2	4	8	• Ensure the food preparers relev Hygiene standards for food cate adhered too. • Care when handling hot liquids