



St Ives Rowing Club



Regatta Alternative Arrangements Plan – 20th June 2026

Introduction

Sometimes the conditions at an event may deteriorate such that racing cannot safely continue as planned. In such circumstances, it may be necessary to suspend, abandon or modify racing arrangements.

All incidents will be managed in accordance with the Regatta Safety Plan and Emergency Procedures.

Race Control will coordinate all safety and emergency responses during any suspension or alteration of racing.

Criteria for Alternative Arrangements

Racing may be suspended, abandoned, or altered in response to:

- **Serious Incident or Medical Emergency**
- **Adverse Weather Conditions**, including:
 - Lightning / thunderstorms
(racing will be suspended where lightning is observed within 30 seconds flash-to-bang, and will not resume until 30 minutes after the last thunder)
 - High winds
 - Heavy rain
 - Extreme temperatures

Weather conditions will be assessed continuously by officials; racing will be suspended where conditions exceed those deemed safe for the weakest category of competitor boating.

- **Adverse River Conditions**, including:
 - Strong stream or flow
 - Debris or obstruction
 - Unsafe navigation conditions
- **Reduced Visibility**, including:
 - Fog or heavy rain limiting safe navigation
(including key control points upstream and downstream of the course start and finish)
- **Loss of Essential Safety Cover**, including:
 - Insufficient safety boats or safety boat provision falls below that defined in the Regatta Safety Plan
 - Loss of communications e.g. radio failures
 - Insufficient first aid provision



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Decision

All incidents must be reported immediately to Race Control.

Decisions will be based on an assessment of conditions, including whether they are considered safe for the weakest category of competitor boating.

Weather and river conditions will be assessed:

- prior to commencement of the event
- prior to each division commencing boating
- prior to each division commencing racing
- continuously during the event

Any decision to suspend, abandon, restart or alter racing rests with:

- the Chair of the Race Committee
- in consultation with the Competition Rowing Safety Adviser (CoRSA), and informed by Umpires and Marshals

Decisions will be communicated by:

- radio to all officials
- public address announcements
- Race Control communication with coaches and crews
- Marshals communicating directly with crews and coaches where necessary to ensure instructions have been received and understood

Action on Suspension

If racing is suspended, actions will be carried out in accordance with the Emergency Procedures set out in the Regatta Safety Plan, including (but not necessarily limited to):

- Race Control will instruct:
 - **Start Umpire and Marshals** to halt racing
 - **All coaches and crews** to cease boating
- Crews on the water will:
 - Return to the landing stage **or nearest safe landing point** as directed
- Marshals will:
 - Clear the course as quickly and safely as possible
- In the event of lightning or severe weather:
 - All participants and spectators must move to **appropriate shelter**

All participants must follow instructions from officials at all times.



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Criteria to Restart the Event

Racing will only be considered for restart when the conditions set out in the Regatta Safety Plan (course clear, casualties managed, safety resources restored) are fulfilled, including:

- The original hazard has reduced below safe thresholds
- Conditions are stable or improving
- The course and boating areas have been reassessed
- Safety boats, marshals, communications and first aid cover are fully restored
- The Chair of the Race Committee and CoRSA are satisfied that racing can safely resume

Alteration of the Event

If racing is restarted, the event format may be modified, including:

- Restricting racing to specific boat classes or categories
- Restricting participation (e.g. excluding less experienced crews)
- Shortening or altering the course
- Changing the direction of racing (if appropriate)

Abandonment of the Event

If racing is abandoned, no further racing will take place, and clubs will be informed via Race Control and/or the public announcement system plus on-site marshals.

Competitor Contact Details

- Club contact details provided through British Rowing entries will be used
- Competing clubs must ensure a **designated, contactable representative** is available throughout the event