



St Ives Rowing Club



Regatta Welfare Statement and Plan – 20th June 2026

This Event Welfare Statement and Plan is prepared in accordance with British Rowing's current safeguarding guidance, including the Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy, the Safeguarding Adults at Risk Policy, and the relevant Competition Guidance.

Welfare Statement

The Organisers of the St Ives Rowing Club (SIRC) Regatta believe that the welfare and wellbeing of all children, young people, and adults at risk is of paramount importance. All children, young people, and adults at risk - regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, religion, or ability - have equal rights to safety and protection. All suspicions, concerns and allegations of harm will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.

An Event Welfare Officer (EWO) will be appointed for the competition and will act as the designated point of contact for any safeguarding or welfare concerns. All other volunteers and officials will be expected to follow the event's code of conduct and safeguarding requirements.

Welfare Plan

1. Event Welfare Officer

- The EWO for the 2026 SIRC Regatta will be Rhona Stamp who can be contacted on the day using mobile telephone number 07855 551141 or via any Race Official stationed around the course and boating areas

2. Reporting a Concern

- The first point of contact at the event is the Event Welfare Officer (EWO)
- Concerns may also be referred to British Rowing's Lead Safeguarding Officer
- Urgent concerns should be referred to police / emergency services immediately
- The EWO will keep the Chair of the Regatta Committee informed when appropriate
- The EWO will inform the Competition Rowing Safety Advisor (CoRSA) of any incident with safety implications
- All individuals involved in the Regatta event have a responsibility to report any safeguarding or welfare concern of which they become aware
- Information will be shared on a need-to-know basis only, in order to protect individuals and support appropriate action

3. Awareness and Communication

- This Welfare Statement and Plan will be published as documents on the SIRC website



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- The Event Welfare Officer's name and contact details will be displayed prominently at Race Control and included in the event information available to all officials and competing clubs via the SIRC website
- All personnel dealing with juniors in rowing should be aware of the British Rowing guidance on Safeguarding and Protecting Children.
- Competing clubs are expected to apply good practice in the management of their junior crews throughout the event
- The CoRSA will be aware of this Welfare Statement and Plan
- In an emergency, the Regatta Committee Chairperson, Race Control, CoRSA or EWO may contact the emergency services via 112 or 999

4. Responsibilities of Clubs, Coaches and Responsible Adults

- All participants and coaches must abide by British Rowing Rules of Racing and British Rowing RowSafe guidelines, and local rules governing the competition
- Coaches and adults with children or adults at risk in their care should familiarise themselves with the St Ives Rowing Club Welfare Statement and Plan – particularly the structure detailed under Reporting a Concern above
- The following documents may also be referenced and are available either on the St Ives Rowing Club website or from Race Control:
 - SIRC Regatta 2026 Risk Assessment
 - SIRC Regatta 2026 Safety Plan
 - SIRC Regatta 2026 Alternative Arrangements Plan
 - SIRC Regatta 2026 Competitor Information Sheet
 - SIRC Regatta 2026 Course Map
- The crew contact details entered on the British Rowing event entry form will be used to contact the adult responsible for any junior crew member reportedly involved in an incident. It is therefore incumbent upon the person entering the crew information to ensure that the appropriate contact number is included in the entry. No individual contact details for junior members will be held by the committee
- Adults with responsibility for juniors entered in the event are expected to ensure that boating conditions are suitable
- Adults, coaches, and parents are reminded of the need to ensure juniors are equipped with suitable and adequate clothing for the event, given that there is the possibility of a long wait before the start.
- Club coaches are further reminded that in rough river or weather conditions, it is they who must make the assessment of whether their crew can safely boat and/or race in the given conditions, particularly where there is a junior cox



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5. Missing Person Procedure

- Any concern regarding a missing child, young person, or adult at risk should be reported to Race Control or the EWO without delay
- Race Control, the EWO, and/or CoRSA will coordinate any further action as appropriate, including contacting emergency services where necessary
- Competing Clubs must provide a primary contact number for emergencies. These details will be available to the Regatta Committee throughout the day via Race Control

6. Access to Young People or Their Contact Details

- The Regatta Committee will assess which event roles require Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks and will follow British Rowing safer recruitment guidance. Any person not appropriately vetted for a role involving children or adults at risk will not undertake unsupervised regulated activity

7. Photography / Filming / Online Safety

- Photography and filming by parents and supporters are recognised as normal at a public sporting event, but all photography, filming and any subsequent online use should follow British Rowing guidance on safeguarding, photography and online safety
- A copy of the British Rowing guidance on photography and online safety will be available on request via Race Control

8. Reporting Flowchart

