

MARLOW SPRING REGATTA

Saturday 29th April 2023

SAFEGUARDING AND PROTECTING YOUNG PERSONS POLICY

Marlow Rowing Club event committee believes that the welfare and well-being of all young and vulnerable persons is paramount. All young persons, 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. Welfare officers/coordinators for the competition will be appointed annually and will act as the point of contact for any concerns or allegations. The Welfare Officer for the event will be:

**Event Welfare Officers –
Julie Lyons (07771 870223) & Helen Cousins (07803 059586)**

The Welfare officer (or the appointed deputy) can be contacted on the day by radio or phone via any Race Official stationed on the course and boating areas. She will determine appropriate action to be taken, and should any incident warrant such action, will be responsible for reporting to the police and the British Rowing Child Protection Officer.

The crew contact details entered on the British Rowing Entry will be used to contact the adult responsible for any junior reportedly involved in an incident. It is therefore incumbent upon the person entering the crew to ensure that a usable contact number is included in the entry. No individual contact details for young persons will be held by the committee.

Adults with responsibility for young persons entered in the event are expected to ensure that boating conditions are suitable. Adults (coaches and parents) are also reminded of the need for suitable clothing for the event, given that conditions might be changeable. Crew coaches are further reminded that in rough conditions, it is their responsibility to make the assessment of whether their crew can safely boat and race in the prevailing conditions.

In the event that a participant goes missing for a period exceeding 30 minutes, the Welfare Officer should be contacted and will contact the police if this has not already been done. Where staff and volunteers have unsupervised contact with young persons at the event, the Committee will endeavour to ensure that they have a current DBS check, and /or work in pairs.

Photography is a difficult issue for rowing events. The Marlow Rowing Club Event Committee has considered the advice given in WG5.1, but competitors and adults responsible for young persons must be aware that they may be photographed by amateurs or professionals who sell their photographs, and these photographs may be used for identification or publicity purposes. Marlow Rowing Club cannot prevent this, as the banks and area surrounding the course are open to the public.

Organising Committee of Marlow Rowing Club

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