

# **MARLOW SPRING REGATTA**

## **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2026**

### **THUNDERSTORM PROTOCOL**

In the event that racing has to be stopped due to Thunder / Lightning, the following protocol will be adopted:

1. Crews will be alerted by umpires and marshals; warning horns will be sounded.
2. All competitors should return to their respective boating areas following the normal circulation pattern.
3. Boats are to be taken out of the water and put on trestles or trailers with ties, or in the MRC boathouse.
4. Umpires and safety boats to assist with marshalling crews returning to base.
5. Crews and volunteers in the boating area to take shelter in cars as far as possible until the all-clear is given. Do NOT shelter under trees or in marquees.
6. Crews returning to MRC should shelter in the boat bays or in the clubhouse.
7. Blades must not be left in the boating areas since this would create a trip hazard.
8. All umpire and safety launches to return to the finish and personnel to shelter in cars.
9. All other craft to return to MRC.
10. Everyone to help others as needed to make this as fast, safe and efficient as possible.

The decisions to stop / resume racing will be made by the Chief Umpire, following BR guidance on the “30-30 Rule”.