

ALTON SPRING & AUTUMN HEAD RACE SERIES

EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

This Emergency Plan sets out the procedures in relation to an emergency which threatens the safety of Head Race participants.

In the event of an emergency occurring during the Head Race, the emergency / rescue services will be co-ordinated from the Race Control situated near the finish line

Race Control will have direct radio communications with the safety boats, the First Aid station, all race officials, and with all club officials, competitors and spectators via the PA system.

There will be a mobile telephone at Race Control, which can be used to call for additional assistance, ambulance or rescue services as required.

The Race Committee will co-ordinate the rescue or in their absence, Race Control will take control.

The decision to suspend racing will be made by the Race Committee Chairman following consultation with the Safety Adviser, Race Committee, Emergency Services and Racing Officials.

If the Emergency takes place on the water, the rescue of those involved will be controlled by the safety boats who will announce a “blue boat” call. This will alert the Water Sports Centre and Race Control there is an emergency. The safety boats will co-ordinate all the rescue activities afloat including any other rescue craft available.

In the case of fire, anti-social behaviour, terrorist or other unforeseen threats, the Race Committee may suspend racing and involve the emergency services.