

Safety Plan for the Quintin Head

Safety Launches

Three rescue craft are to be positioned at strategic points along the course with the sole role of providing rescue and first aid for the competitors and support personnel on the river.

They will initially position themselves in accordance with the attached map, no later than 30 mins before the start of the event.

The final positions will be defined on the day dependent on weather conditions.

In addition to the rescue craft there are a number of Race Marshal launches which may be able to offer assistance to competitors in an emergency. All launches will carry loud hailers and radios as back up.

Co-ordination of the craft will be by radio with the race safety adviser, umpire and base station control. On the river the umpires can attract the attention of the rescue craft by the use of the red flag and sounding a air horn.

All craft personnel will be briefed prior to the race and briefing safety packs will be carried on each craft.

Ambulance

Medical Despatch will provide a fully equipped ambulance with one mobile unit stationed at the midway point at BBLRC

This location has a suitable landing area to facilitate the landing or transfer of casualties to the ambulance.

Race Communication

The race net provided will include marshals, start/finish officials, safety and rescue . Co-ordination between the radio cover will be through the race safety adviser and race control at QBC Boathouse. Mobiles will be used as a back-up using a list of all the relevant numbers.

Emergency Services

Prior to the event the following will be advised of the race;

PLA

Police

Local Hospitals – Charing Cross & West Middlesex

RNLI (Chiswick Station)

General

Approximately 45 minutes before the start of the race the Umpire and safety adviser will travel the course to observe river and weather conditions or unusual obstructions.

In the event of serious problems a final decision can be made on appropriate actions such as a delayed start, shorter course or cancellation.

During the course review the Umpire or safety adviser will issue final instructions and directions to the rescue launches and crew.

All support staff must be in place 30 minutes prior to the start of the event.