

Safety Report for NRC Executive September 2020

Introduction

Everything we had planned for this year has been overwhelmed by Covid-19. The biggest danger facing us (particularly older Masters) is one we cannot see. For the foreseeable future we must follow the government's guidelines to keep ourselves and the country's essential workers safe.

Safety Audits

It's time to complete Club Safety Audits. The system opens on 28th September; closes on 29th November and Clubs that have not completed their audits will be suspended from BROE (no event entries) from 3rd December. Some Clubs answered "to address" to some of the questions last year; it should not take a year to answer those questions.

Incident Reports

Since we have been allowed out in singles, there have been a number of Incident Reports in the region, mostly simple capsizes. Incident Reports should not be a public platform for blaming others, but rather a forum for learning from mistakes to avoid their repetition.

Covid-19

Now that we are back at our clubs, we must comply with all the regulations including keeping records to allow Track and Trace to work.

The pace of our return to rowing continues to be dictated by the Government with guidance on the interpretation of their rules provided by British Rowing. You will still need to do your own risk assessments to suit your club's local conditions.

Events

We had a successful Scullers Head on the Tyne on Sunday; it was a test event sanctioned by BR and was open to invited clubs. Kat Bulmer and her NUBC team did an excellent job over three months to make it happen, and BR was very impressed with what they had done. It was different from those in the past with restricted numbers and social distancing. It augers well for Tyne LDS and TURC SBH on October 10th, but it could all be put at risk by the local and possible national restrictions. We will have to be flexible.

Lights

Please remember to use adequate lighting when rowing after dark. It greatly improves your chances of being seen if you wear a white, or light coloured, top.

If you want further information on any of the above, please contact me.

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