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Durham Regatta

HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE POLICY STATEMENT

Durham Regatta operates as a Limited Company with all Directors and Executive Committee members being volunteers. Taking this into account, Durham Regatta is committed to ensuring that its organisation and operations, as far as is reasonably practicable, consider the health, safety and welfare of all members of its Board, Committee and stakeholders including, officials, volunteers, competitors, trade stands and visitors.

Durham Regatta will plan and put in place appropriate safety and welfare arrangements to implement this policy over the weekend of the Regatta, as well as the days immediately before and after the event when setting up and striking down of the event infrastructure takes place.

Arrangements will aim to prevent and reduce the likelihood of injury or harm and both meet the legal obligations of the Regatta and be fit for the purpose, size and type of organisation – that is the provision of safe side by side rowing races, bank side entertainment and associated activities. Risk Assessment will be carried out and mitigation will seek to reduce and, where possible, eliminate Health & Safety Risks. Where necessary, external providers will be appointed to assist in the delivery of this Policy e.g. for First Aid and Safety Boat provision.

Account will be taken of the British Rowing RowSafe document, Competition Organisers Manual and the Rules of Racing as well as requirements and guidance from the Durham County Council Safety Advisory Group, relevant legislation and the Health & Safety Executive.

The Executive Committee is committed to continual improvement of its operations and this will be achieved through feedback from participants and stakeholders, including at Executive Committee meetings, feedback from Directors, the wash-up meeting and Members meetings and regular review of requirements impacting on the safe running of the Regatta.

This Policy Statement will be reviewed and updated as necessary on at least an annual basis and monitored in order to meet current legal requirements. New legislation, codes of practice or guidance will be considered and implemented as necessary.

This policy and all revisions of it will be brought to the attention of all stakeholders and be available to any interested parties on request. The Health & Safety Advisor will assist in implementing this Policy and the Executive Committee Chair and Directors will seek to ensure that appropriate resources are provided to ensure its effectiveness.

Signed for and on behalf of Durham Regatta:

Mr Michael Laing, Chair of Executive Committee and Director, April 2026.

Next Review: January 2027.