

## 4. Alternative Arrangements Plan

This Alternative Arrangements Plan outlines the contingency arrangements for bad weather. The content and ordering follow Chapter 4.6 of the RowSafe guidance.

- 4.1 The Chair of Race Committee will appoint a Race Committee shortly before the competition. She will abandon, suspend or alter the competition if the Race Committee decides that it cannot safely continue as originally planned.

Racing is likely to continue as planned while:-

- wind speed is at most 18 mph,
- visibility is at least 100m, and
- there are no thunderstorms in the area.

Racing is likely to be abandoned, suspended or altered if any or all of these objective criteria are actually breached or are likely to be breached according to forecasts.

Wind speed 13-18 mph is observable as Force 4 on the Beaufort Scale, i.e. a moderate breeze. Wind speed 19-24 mph is Force 5, a fresh breeze with white horses appearing on inland lakes and small trees beginning to sway.

Air temperature, sunshine and rainfall are relatively unimportant for this event: competitors are not exposed to the weather for a prolonged period before racing. Tide and fluvial flow are not relevant.

The 30/30 rule will be applied if thunder and lightning develop. If closer than 6 miles (lightning /thunder gap < 30 sec) then racing will be suspended and crews taken off the water. Racing may restart after 30 minutes of no lightning/thunder.

### 4.2 Before the competition

The Race Committee and Safety Adviser will monitor the weather forecast and Met Office warnings in the days leading up to the competition. If the Race Committee decides that conditions are likely to prevent safe running of the competition as originally planned then it will cancel the whole competition or some events.

#### Before the start of racing

The Race Committee and Safety Adviser will confirm that water/wind conditions are manageable and that safety boats and ambulance cover are in place. The Race Committee will decide whether to go ahead as planned or make alternative arrangements before crews boat for the first time trial.

#### During racing

The Race Committee will monitor conditions throughout the day. It may decide to suspend racing at any time if it judges that conditions have become unsafe.

- 4.3. The Race Committee will make all decisions on the day if practicable. The Chair of Race Committee may make an immediate decision if she decides that time is of the essence.

#### 4.4 Before the competition

The Chair of Race Committee will email the organising committee about cancellation or alteration and explain the rationale. The organising committee will in turn notify ECS, volunteers and contractors, The Secretary will post an update on the website. The Entries Secretary will email BROE2 contacts.

#### On the day

The Chair of Race Committee will tell all officials with radios about cancellation or alteration and explain the rationale. Race Control will tell the Registration Desk and Commentators, then announce the decision over the Dorney PA System.

- 4.5 If boats are on the water when the competition is stopped then all rafts will be cleared for crews to disembark. Boats in the return lake or on the course will be directed to proceed to the finish as quickly as safely possible.

The Race Committee may cancel races, adopt fast start procedures or otherwise amend arrangements if it judges that the timetable is slipping too far to catch up while stakeboat crews, safety boats and ambulance are present.

- 4.6 The competition will resume if/when the Race Committee is satisfied that water and weather conditions are manageable and confirmed that safety boats and first aid cover are in place.