

# Staines Amateur Regatta Welfare Statement 2017



In accordance with British Rowing's Safeguarding and Protecting Children Policy, the organising committee of Staines Amateur Regatta believe that the welfare and well-being of all young people is paramount:

- All young people, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, religion or ability, have equal rights to safety and protection.
- All suspicions, concerns and allegations of harm will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.

The Staines Boat Club Welfare Officer has been appointed as Welfare Officer for the regatta and she will be the point of contact for any concerns or allegations. Their contact number will be posted at Regatta Control, next to the boating area, throughout the duration of the competition. Regatta Control is also the location to report Missing Persons. Any welfare concerns should initially be reported to the Welfare Officer.

In order to contact the adult responsible for a junior (i.e. coach or parent) it is important that the person submitting the race entry provides a usable contact number via the online entry. No individual contact details for juniors will be held.

Coaches and parents are also reminded of the need for juniors to wear clothing suitable for the conditions on the day of the regatta.

Competitors may be photographed by amateurs or professionals who sell their photographs. The regatta cannot prevent this as the regatta area and towpath are on public land that is accessible to the general public. However, the Welfare Officer will respond appropriately to any reports of inappropriate photography.

Regatta Medical Cover is being provided by St. John Ambulance.

## Contact Numbers

Welfare Officer (Sara Knight):	Via Race Control
British Rowing Child Protection Officer:	0208 237 6700
NSPCC:	0808 800 5000
Surrey Police:	0845 125 2222