

EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

Delta Deas Scholastic Regatta 2023

Regatta Chair: Helen Healey 604-836-4632

Chief Umpire/Charge Person: Simon Litherland 778-840-5748

Safety Advisor/Medical Advisor: Judy Kelly 604-358-7709

Call Person: Person closest to the situation designated to call 911

REGATTA ADDRESS: Deas Island Regional Park, Delta 6090 Deas Island Road, DELTA, BC V4K 5A8

EMERGENCY CONTACT: 9-1-1 for all emergencies

SITE ACCESSIBLE TO EMERGENCY VEHICLES FROM THE SLOUGH

River House Marina 5825 60 Ave, Delta BC V4K 0B2 – located across from start of racecourse

Delta Deas Rowing Club Dock 6090 Deas Island Road, Delta BC V4K 5A8

NEAREST HOSPITAL

Delta Hospital,

5800 Mountain View Blvd,

Lander BC

604-946-1121

Richmond Hospital

7000 Westminster Hwy

Richmond BC V6X 1A2

604-278-9711

IN THE CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

CHARGE PERSON: Simon Litherland 778-840-5748

- Assume command, and direct and control operations until the arrival of the appropriate authorities.
- Work with the Safety Officer to co-ordinate on-water operations,
- Identify him/herself to the authorities; liaise with authorities and direct personnel as necessary.
- Halt the event if there is risk to any participant, or a reduction of safety to all those involved.

SAFETY ADVISOR: Judy Kelly 604-358-7709

- Relays appropriate information to Charge Person
- Locate the injured rower's coach (delegate a volunteer to do this) Quick access to information on each rower is important in the event of emergency.
- Designate a control person/s to ensure;
 - That emergency vehicles will be able to access the required location on site.
 - Clears any traffic from the entrance/access road before the ambulance arrives
 - Waits at the driveway entrance to direct the ambulance when it arrives

CALL PERSON

- Person closest to the situation designated to call 911 for emergency help.
- Provide all necessary information to dispatch and stay on the line until emergency responders arrive.
- Provide information on the closest access point to the emergency situation:

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911 SCRIPT

- Follow the 911 dispatcher's prompts
- "My name is _____ our regatta is at 6090 Delta Island Road within Deas Island Regional Park, Delta BC"
- "The phone number I am calling from is: _____ (if using club phone the number is 604 946 3074)"
- Describe the nature of the emergency
- Request water rescue if appropriate
- DO NOT HANG UP!!!
- Stay on the line and answer any questions asked by the dispatcher.
- Provide dispatch with an alternate phone number in case you're accidentally cut off.
- *Minimize the use of walky-talkies and do not use them when passing confidential information.*
- Ask the dispatcher how long until the ambulance arrives and provide that information to the Charge Person as soon as possible.

FIRST AID/MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

- MedVents are the First Aid personnel who will be at the First Aid Tent located to the west side of the DDRC building.
- First Aid Attendant has a cell phone
- First Aid Attendant may ask for assistance from, or explicitly defer to, someone with more medical training
- Waits with the injured person until Emergency Medical Services arrives and the injured person is transported away from site.

ON WATER EMERGENCY

- Calm judgement must be used in assessing whether a situation is an emergency or is likely to develop into an emergency.

SAFETY BOATS

- Getting injured or unconscious person stabilized and ashore at a site accessible to emergency vehicles takes precedence over all-else. Determine the quickest route to a suitable shore location
- If the injured or unconscious crew is in the water, make sure they have a PFD, and are face-up. It may be necessary to assign another rower to enter the water to assist the injured or unconscious person. Determine and assign the person most qualified to help.
- Critical medical emergencies such as rower unconscious, disoriented, or severely injured – **call or designate a caller to call 9-1-1** (see 911 script above)
- Follow the 911 dispatcher's prompts

- Have emergency crews meet at the nearest water access point from the list provided at the beginning of this plan
- Ensure Charge Person (Chief Umpire) and Safety Officer are notified

COMMUNICATION

- Cellphones are the most reliable form of communication on the slough. They must be fully charged. It must be in a position that you will hear it if it rings or feel it if it vibrates.
- Emergency and First Aid Action plan must be in the safety boat and understood by safety boat drivers and spotters.
- Emergency Cell Phone numbers list must be correct and in every safety boat.

SAFETY BOAT EQUIPMENT

- The following equipment will be present in each of the safety boats:
 - 4 lifejackets
 - Heaving line
 - Whistle – all the umpires will have a megahorn
 - Bailer or sponge to be used in the event of swamping or a rowing shell taking on a large amount of water.
 - Blankets – silver or other
 - Ladder
 - Contact numbers of chief umpire, safety officer, other safety boats, regatta chair, regatta office number
 - Paddle(s)
 - Toolkit

INCIDENT REPORT

Following the conclusion of the events the Safety Officer, Chief Umpire and Regatta Chair, must prepare a report detailing all incidents and actions taken to prevent a recurrence. The appropriate people involved in the emergency or incident should be involved in the writing of this report.

EVACUATION PLAN

- In the event there is a need to evacuate the waterway, direction will be provided by the Charge Person to the chase boat umpires and safety boat drivers
- Chase boats will direct racing boats, safety boat drivers will direct boats rowing up the course or in the marshalling area
- Boats will be directed to the nearest exit point. Either rowing club dock, launch ramp near start line. Only if directed, there is another ramp past the bridge and marina on the south shore by the gas station
- A roll call of all athletes brought off the water, and all coaches will be required
- If the entire area is to be evacuated, regatta officials and attendees will follow directions provided by Emergency Response and Metro Park Officials
- The easily identifiable muster point for the regatta will be the grassy area where the trailers are parked.

NEAREST PHARMACY

London Drugs (7.1 km)

London Drugs (6.4 km)

Ironwood Plaza
11666 Steveston HWY,
Suite 3200,
Richmond BC
604-448-4852

Trenant Park Square
5237 48 Avenue
Ladner, BC
604-946-5642