**DDRA - PRINCIPLES FOR CANCELLING RACES IN THE EVENT OF A DELAY IN THE REGATTA**

**Purpose**:

When the regatta program is delayed owing to weather (heavy rain or lightning), or some other reason, an agreed-upon process is needed to determine how the racing will be concluded, once the delay is over. A series of principles could be applied as outlined below.

**Principles for Cancelling races that have been lost to a regatta delay**

1. As many of the races as can be accommodated before the end of the permitted period (5:00 PM) will be raced.
2. An equal number of races between Paddling and Rowing will be cancelled.
3. Priority will be given to races with the largest boat classes (8s over singles, K4 over K1, for example) based on the understanding that everyone in a smaller boat will have another race
4. Where possible, para races will be included.
5. Dragon-boat races will be four boats and may all become finals with winners determined based on time.
6. If the delay happens at 3 PM or later, the remainder of the racing day may be cancelled.

Not all principles need to be followed, it depends on the length of the delay and when in the day it takes place.

The decision as to which steps will be followed will rest with the Regatta Chairs and Chief Umpires/Officials.