

Frogtown Regatta Water Safety Action Plan

We take every precaution to ensure participant safety on the mighty Maumee and although rare, there have been instances of vessel traffic during our Regatta.

In the event of a barge, lake or ocean vessel entering the race course the LOC has developed the following Safety Action Plan (“SAP”). If it becomes necessary to set the SAP in motion, the following will be the protocol and must be adhered to by all volunteers, coaches and participants. Failure of participants to follow the SAP may result in disqualification from competition.

- If a vessel is located, the spotter will communicate with the LOC and all officials; the LOC makes the final decision to set the SAP in motion; the LOC will advise all coaches, officials, and volunteers via two-way radio, text message and/or loud speaker of the inbound vessel;
- A COACHING REPRESENTATIVE from each participating team is required to be at the GAZEBO to receive information and updates;
- ALL BOAT LAUNCHING WILL CEASE until the LOC gives the ALL CLEAR;
- Crews on the water racing the course will be STOPPED by the nearest Flotilla boat and will be held until the LOC gives the ALL CLEAR;*
- Crews on the water rowing to the start will be STOPPED by the nearest Flotilla boat and will be held until the LOC gives the ALL CLEAR;
- The Flotilla will contact the LOC and provide THEIR LOCATION and the BOW NUMBERS of all boats that it is holding. The LOC will relay that information to all officials and coaches via two-way radio, text message, and at the GAZEBO;
- Once the LOC as given the ALL CLEAR racing will resume.

*We will do everything possible to allow boats on the course to finish their race. However, if for safety reasons it would become necessary to stop a boat during their race, the coxswain MUST adhere to the direction of the Flotilla. Direction regarding stopping boats on the course will be decided by the LOC and communicated to the flotilla and team(s) involved. The decision to stop a racing boat will be decided on a case-by-case basis with distance from the vessel and distance to the finish as the mitigating factors. No Flotilla may STOP a racing boat unless directed to do so by the LOC. If a boat is stopped during their race, and once racing resumes, they may have the option to return to the start and begin the course again at the discretion of the LOC. If they elect not to re-start, they will be listed on the results as a SCRATCH.