



Canadian Rowing Beach Sprints

Emergency Action Plan

August 17, 2019

1.0 Emergency Action Plan, Lakeside Park Beach, St. Catharines, ON:

This weather plan provides an outline of the steps to be taken in the event that weather conditions become a safety concern.

The Chief Umpire or Regatta Chair will monitor weather forecast through web sites (radar, local weather stations and local weather forecasts), as well as by phone with One on One Environment Canada Weather.

Also available is the Storm Line toll free at 1-800-463-9463

1.0.1 *The Chief Umpire or Regatta Chair will consult some of the following websites as required:*

- a) Environment Canada Western Lake Ontario: www.weatheroffice.gc.ca/marine/forecast
- b) Exeter Radar (North): www.ontarioweather.com/current/radar/ontario/exeter
- c) King Radar (West): www.ontarioweather.com/current/radar/ontario/king
- d) Buffalo Radar (South): <http://radar.weather.gov/radar>
- e) Wind finder (Port Weller): www.windfinder.com/forecast/port_weller
- f) Sail flow: www.sailflow.com/windandwhere.iws
- g) The Weather Network (hourly forecast, and radar forecast): www.theweathernetwork.com
<https://www.theweathernetwork.com/ca/hourly-weather-forecast/ontario/guelph>
<https://www.theweathernetwork.com/ca/hourly-weather-forecast/ontario/london>
<https://www.theweathernetwork.com/ca/hourly-weather-forecast/ontario/welland>
- h) Airport Forecast: www.theweathernetwork.com/ca/forecasts/airport-forecast/

1.1 Initiating the Emergency Action Plan procedures:

The Chief Umpire and Regatta Chair meet to review the weather status – before the regatta, during the regatta, as required, when notified conditions are changing for the worse. The Emergency Action Plan is set into action when:

1.1.1 *The Chief Umpire and Regatta Chair determine that action is required to ensure safety.*

The required actions may include the following:

- a) Holding additional boats from launch and finishing the races on course, or:
- b) Immediately calling all crews off the water, or:
- c) Continuing to monitor weather and review additional data.

1.1.2 *If action is required the following are the responsibilities of the Regatta Chair and Chief Umpire:*

- a) Chief Umpire informs the Jury (Control Commission, Race Umpires, and start line/finish officials) of the action plan and will instruct the Control Commission to monitor and account for all boats on the water by club or crew. The Chief Umpire will also communicate the Emergency Action Plan to the Safety Boat Director for safety boats on the water.
- b) The Regatta Chair informs the Organizing Committee and the Committee Directors of the action plan. The Regatta Chair ensures that a public announcement is made regarding the action plan.

1.2 Procedure for Evacuation from Water:

1.2.1 *Control Commission:*

The Control Commission will account for all crews on and off the water. The Control Commission will monitor and record all crew names and follow up with the relevant team/coach to ensure all crews are off the water.

1.2.2 *On the Beach Launching and Finish Area:*

- a) The Chief Umpire or delegate will notify/announce to all persons on or near the beach launching/finish area that they are to pull all boats out of the water to a safe position and move to shelter.

The Launching Marshals will ensure crews quickly exit launch area. During course closure, the Launch Marshal will allow boats to beach wherever appropriate to ensure quick egress from the water to shelter.

The Chief Umpire will monitor all crews on the water area and communicate to Control Commission to ensure all crews are accounted for.

1.2.3 *Race Umpire and Safety Boats:*

The Race Umpire and safety boats will monitor crews back to the beach launching/finish area and will monitor the last crew back to the beach launching area and then move to safety.

1.2.4 *Coordination of All Umpires:*

The Chief Umpire, Regatta Chair and Chief of the Control Commission will confirm everybody (crews, Umpire boats, safety boats and others) are safely off the water.

1.3 Following Evacuation from Water:

The Chief Umpire and Regatta Chair will review options related to the weather and make announcement as soon as possible regarding any delays.

1.4 Delay Contingency Plan:

The Canadian Rowing Beach Sprints Organizing Committee can reschedule races earlier or later in the day for safety reasons in the event of bad weather. Any changes in the schedule will be announced by the Control Commission (this will also include shortening the length of races). It is the responsibility of the crew and club coaches to monitor and stay current with the schedule.

Any changes required by a weather delay will supersede the published related requirements of the **RCA Rules of Racing**. During the condensed schedule, the Chief Umpire has the discretion to determine whether a crew is competitive position from previous rounds of that event. If the Chief Umpire determines this is not the case, the Race Umpire can make the call to exclude that crew from any subsequent races and remove them from

further competition in that event. No allowance will be made for athlete conflicts due to reducing time between races and substitutions will only be allowed when approved by the Chief Umpire.

1.5 Schedule Change Options Due to Weather Delay:

Races may be run with reduced time between races until sunset to complete the schedule. Racing will not take place after sunset.

The Chief Umpire and Regatta Chair will decide on the requirements of the schedule change. The Regatta Chair will communicate with the Organizing Committee, Committee Directors and ensure announcements are made and communicated to all areas of the regatta (Control, public, Start and Finish).

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