



REMENHAM CHALLENGE

Abandonment Plan

In the event the race has to be abandoned at any time while crews are marshalling or racing the following procedure will apply and be strictly adhered to

Pre – Start

The Chief Marshal and Event Safety Advisor will travel the course before the start to observe river and weather conditions. In the event of any significant problems, they he will decide whether to delay the start or abandon the race

If due to significant problems the race has to be abandoned before the start, the marshals positioned at the main boating points will be contacted either by radio or mobile phones and instructed to prevent any further access to the river.

Boats already on water will be instructed to return to their boating points and will be marshalled into the most sheltered Shore to clear the river.

During the Race

The Race Controller will be monitoring water and weather conditions throughout the race and advise the Chief Umpire of any significant deterioration on any reach of the course.

If the event has started, it will **only** be abandoned on instructions from the Chief Marshal in consultation with the Event Safety Advisor/Chief Marshal/Race Controller.

The instruction will be issued over the Radio network through Race Control:
"RACE ABANDONED, RACE ABANDONED, RACE ABANDONED".

From this time strict radio silence must be maintained unless a response is requested or an immediate safety response is required.

Marshals will immediately instruct the crews in their vicinity to STOP. This will be maintained until every crew has stopped. Care must be taken that any crews coming downstream - especially if they are still racing - do not interfere with other crews still moving who may not have reacted as quickly.

ALL CREWS TO BE HELD UNTIL INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE (Unless there is an immediate safety concern in which case the Marshal in the vicinity will manage the situation, and contact the Chief Marshal and seek assistance).

Once the cause of abandonment has been ascertained the evacuation process as follows will be implemented, subject to:

- a) In the case of an obstruction, weather conditions or other difficulty putting one or more Divisions at greater risk than others, those Divisions will be dispersed first - using the same general approach as set out below if safe to do so.
- b) In the case of unforeseen circumstances which render the plan below inappropriate the Chief Marshall will determine the appropriate course of events and communicate to the marshals to manage.
- c) If there is an obstruction downstream of the marshalling area, requiring a detour past it, the Chief Marshal will re-locate enough marshals' and umpires' launches to direct any previously racing, or returning crews before ordering the dispersal.



d) The Chief Umpire/Chief Marshal may, as an alternative, order a suspension of racing, but this should not normally last more than 10 minutes before abandonment is declared or normal marshalling/racing resumes.

e) Given the possibility of injury and a need to land crews quickly, the areas around the Barnes and Chiswick clubs to be kept as clear as possible.

Returning Crews

Normal post-Race navigation rules and procedures will apply in the absence of instructions to the contrary. If crews coming down the course are being told to stay on the Surrey bank, it must be stressed to them that returning crews coming up from Hammersmith must be allowed to pass on their starboard side. At the same time, the Chief Marshal will instruct as many marshals' launches as possible to take up a position between the lines of crews and keep them apart. Drivers are requested to assist marshals in a lookout capacity.