

Safety Report for NRC Executive September 2022

Audits

The Audits will open on 3rd October, close on 9th November and clubs that have not completed their audit may be suspended from rowing on 5th December. British Rowing sends the audit to each Club Rowing Safety Adviser when it opens. BR uses Club Hub to find out who the CRSA is for each club, so please ensure that Club Hub is up to date.

Control Commission at Events

A competing crew is responsible for ensuring that its equipment is safe and working properly. Control Commission (CC) may check that equipment before boating at an event, and not allow the crew to boat if it fails those checks. That is the fault of the crew, not of the CC Umpire. Key safety equipment should be checked before every outing; you will suffer if it fails.

Collisions

Collisions are still the major cause of injury and damage in rowing; please keep a good lookout (ideally every 5 strokes for coxless boats).

Life Jackets

Life jackets and buoyancy aids are of little use if they are not correctly fitted. If they are too loose, they can come off and provide no buoyancy at all. Life Jackets should be fitted with crotch straps, which prevent the jacket from being lifted off the wearer. Buoyancy aids should be tightened by tightening the bottom strap first and then working up to the top strap.

BR Safety Reports and Alerts

BR issues safety reports monthly and safety alerts when needed. I circulate these on the Northern Rowing group northernrowing@googlegroups.com If you want to stay up-to-date, please join this group. If you have any questions on any issues raised in the reports or alerts, please feel free to contact me.

If you want further information on any of the above, please contact me.

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