

Safety Report for NRC Executive January 2023

Audits

All clubs competing in events have completed their audits. I was going to discuss the findings at yesterday's development conference; I will issue a document on NERowing explaining the results. BR uses Club Hub to find out who the CRSA is for each club, so please ensure that Club Hub is kept up to date.

Control Commission at Events

Key safety equipment should be checked before every outing; you will suffer if it fails. 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.

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).

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.

Finding Dead Bodies

December's Safety Report from BR highlights an incident where a crew found a dead body in the river. A few days after the report a junior crew found a body on the Tyne. One of the most important considerations is the welfare of all those who saw the body. The report also highlights some of the organisations and charities which may be able to help.

Safety Award

I'm very grateful to the NRC and the dozens of Club Rowing Safety Advisers that I've worked with over the last 20+ years; they have made it much easier to maintain safety in the region.

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

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