

## **Safety Report for NRC Executive April 2023**

### **BUCS Head Incident**

Following the incident before racing on the Sunday of BUCS Head, I am writing a report for the region suggesting ways to improve safety on all our rivers. I intend to post a draft of the report for comment before I publish the final document. I welcome comments as people are far more likely to follow my recommendations if everyone agrees with them.

### **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 will 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) and keep to the correct side of the river.

### **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](mailto: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.

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