

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

## **Incident at Durham City Regatta**

An eight racing at Durham City Regatta lost its rudder during the race. At Control Commission, they were told that their rudder was bent; they attempted to straighten it, which may have weakened the shaft. After the rudder failed, they veered off course and collided with a stationary boat that was waiting to return to the start area. There is an important lesson to learn from this: if you can't steer, you must stop.

## **CRSA Access to Incident Reports**

If CRSAs cannot see their club's incident reports, they may not have put 'Incident Reporting Admin' on their club role in ClubHub.

## **Summoning First Aid at Events**

If someone is injured at an event and you want First Aid, all Umpires are equipped with radios and can summon the event First Aid team. For more serious incidents, call the emergency services on 999.

## **Learn to Row Courses**

Ensure coaches know any emergency drills that they might have to use if a L2R student gets into difficulties. Remember that L2R students cannot handle the same conditions as experienced rowers.

## **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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