

Nelson Sprints Regatta 2018 Safety Plan

The Nelson Rowing Club is committed to providing a safe environment for all participants in the Nelson Sprints Regatta 2018. Towards that effort we will ensure/provide the following.

- A 1st Aid Station staffed by qualified attendant(s) from our local Ambulance Service.
- Clean restroom facilities on site
- Drinking water on site
- Signs will be posted at the City Boat Launch and the Prestige Marina (adjacent to the start/finish lines of the course) to advise boaters that there is a regatta in progress and a “NO WAKE ZONE” is in effect.
- Safety boats will conduct a course inspection to check for (and remove) any floating debris and/or other possible hazards from the race course before the onset of racing.
- NRC will provide 4 safety boats with qualified operators. Two to follow the races; one to monitor the warm-up area; one as back-up. Additional qualified drivers will be on hand in case they are needed.
- The starter/aligner boat (anchored at the start line) will be equipped with an operating motor, 2 paddles and all the necessary communication devices.
- Nelson Search and Rescue will position their boat on the water near the finish line to monitor boat traffic on the outside of the race course (nearest lane 6) and ensure that the “NO WAKE ZONE” is observed.
- All safety boats will be equipped with a radio; megaphone; cell phone; extra PFDs and “safe rescue equipment”.
- All safety boat operators will be familiar with the correct procedure to assist rowers in the case of a flipped or swamped shell.
- All safety boat operators will be familiar with the Emergency Action Plan.
- There will be a designated break in the regatta schedule to allow for refueling and restroom stops for drivers and umpires.
- Regatta traffic pattern map will be shown and discussed at the coach’s meeting
- Regatta traffic pattern map will be displayed near the launch area.
- Emergency Action Plan will be discussed at the coach’s meeting.
- Regatta chair will remain on site at all times (near to the finish line and launch areas) during the regatta.
- Regatta chair will monitor communication devices throughout the event to make sure radios are charged and functioning well.
- Regatta chair will check for hourly updates in local weather reports on these sites; <http://www.nelsonpilots.ca/webcams>;
http://www.windfinder.com/forecast/nelson_kootenay_lake; <http://weather.gc.ca>