



Yare Boat Club

Yare Cup 23rd September 2017 Thunderstorm Safety Plan

INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFICIALS AND COMPETITORS

As a general rule, the Event Safety Adviser and the Race Committee:

- Check the weather forecast from the day before and monitor the weather during the event
- Constitute the chain of command and, in the event of a storm, use the Public Address system to warn both competitors and spectators of actions to be taken
- Use the 30:30 criterion to instigate suspension and resumption of activity:
- When you see lightening, count the time until you hear thunder. If it is 30 seconds (approx 10km away) or less, seek 'proper shelter'. If you can't see lightening, just hearing thunder is a good back-up rule for it being time to seek 'proper shelter'. Wait a minimum of 30 minutes after the last lightening or thunder before leaving shelter.
- Direct the Control Commission to stop crews boating until resumption of racing is signalled.
- Direct the Start Team, Umpires and Marshals to instruct crews on the water to return to landing stages at Whitlingham Boathouses, Broadland Boat Club or Yare Boat Club, whichever is the nearest, calmly and quickly and seek proper shelter.
- Direct all Marshals and Umpires at landing stages to ensure that de-boating is executed as fast and calmly as possible

Specific measures include:

- Control to be exercised from the Finish tent
- Start Team – preferably have a car parked nearby, otherwise Start tent
- Finish team to shelter in Whitlingham boathouse
- Safety boats to return to Whitlingham Boathouse, Broadland Boat Club or Yare Boat Club and disembark immediately
- Competitors to shelter in the Whitlingham boathouse.
- Blades to be left near the landing stages.

All officials and competitors are asked to familiarise themselves with this general plan so that it can be actioned promptly and effectively in the event of a thunderstorm.