

# **YORK AUTUMN SCULLS - SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019**

## **SAFEGUARDING AND PROTECTING CHILDREN POLICY**

The Organisers of the York Autumn Sculls believe that the welfare and wellbeing of all children is paramount. All children, regardless of age, gender, orientation, ethnicity, religion or ability, have equal rights to safety and protection. All suspicions, concerns and allegations of harm will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.

A Welfare Officer will be available throughout the event and will act as the point of contact for any concerns or allegations. They can be contacted on the day by any Race Official or by telephone 07930203450. The Welfare Officer wears an orange tabard and can be found in front of the clubhouse or on the esplanade. The Club Welfare Officer will determine any subsequent action, and should any incident warrant it, will be responsible for reporting to the police and the British Rowing Child Protection Officer. The CWO is Roger Woollen.

The crew contact details entered on the British Rowing Entry will be used to contact the adult responsible for any junior reportedly involved in an incident. It is therefore incumbent upon the person entering the crew to ensure that a usable contact number is included in the entry. No individual contact details for juniors will be held by the committee.

Adults with responsibility for children entered in the event are expected to ensure that boating conditions are suitable. Adults - coaches and parents - are also reminded of the need for suitable clothing for the event, given that there is the possibility of a long wait before the start; crew coaches are further reminded that in rough conditions, it is they who must make the assessment of whether their crew can safely boat and race in the conditions - particularly so where there is a junior cox. Row Safe sections 1.4, 1.7, 1.8 and 3.2 are particularly relevant.

In the event that a participant goes missing for a period exceeding 20 minutes, the Welfare Officer should be contacted and they will contact the police if this has not already been done.

All competitors in the event may be photographed by amateurs, or professionals who sell their photographs, and these photographs may be used for identification or publicity purposes. The Regatta cannot prevent this, as the banks and area surrounding the course are open to the public.

**Organising Committee of York Autumn Sculls**

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