**Devoran Regatta 2022**

**Communication and Emergency Action Plan**

**Regatta Working Channel VHF 72 – “Race Control”**

**Capsize**

Stay with the boat, use the boat as a buoyancy aid and await assistance. Check on the safety of all members of the crew.

If the water is cold get as much of your body out of the water as possible, draping your body over the hull.

Stay together, hold on to each other until rescued to provide mutual warmth and support and to help ensure all are accounted for.

Other boats in the vicinity should help or contact the safety boat.

If there is no safety boat in the vicinity the cox in the nearest boat should call on VHF 72 (Regatta working channel) for assistance.

**Medical Emergency on the Water**

For any emergency or problem on the water, raise the paddles and call on VHF 72 (Regatta working channel).

Row to the nearest location where a safe landing can be made and bring the casualty ashore for the First Aider to assess the situation. Very little first aid can be given in the boat.

Depending on the situation it may be more effective if the casualty is transferred to the safety boat rather than trying to row to shore.

**First Aid and Defibrillator**

There are First Aid Kits on the Gigs and with the First Aider.

An AED (Automated External Defibrillator) will be available on site. There is also one located in Devoran at the bottom of Market Street, near the Village Hall.

In the case of possible heart failure, to use the AED, open the lid, turn it on and follow the instructions. The casualty and rescuer must be dry and on a solid surface for the AED to be used.

**Emergency Phone Numbers**

Devoran First Aiders – Call VHF 72 or the Safety Officer on 07802546256.

A list of First Aiders will also be available on site.

Devoran Health and Safety Officer – Chris Manning 07802546256.

Emergency 112 (rather than 999) this will automatically give the emergency services your location, weather you are using a mobile or fixed line.

**Taking Charge**

Where possible the Cox shall take charge of any incident afloat until handing over to the First Aider.

Other members present should make themselves available to assist on request rather than acting independently, No-one should leave the site of an incident until it is resolved, unless they are asked to do so (e.g. to fetch help).

A report of any incident (including date, time, location and all those involved) shall be made using the logbook held with the Health and Safety Officer.

**Water Conditions**

The decision to row or not will lie with the Devoran Committee, whose decision will be final.

Any information to water/weather conditions, shallow areas, obstructions, course and etiquette etc. will be communicated during the Cox’s briefings.

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