### **British Rowing Tour 2022**

***Friday 9th – Sunday 11th September***

**The Great Ouse**

**St Neots to Denver Sluice**

### **Safety Plan**

#### Introduction

The purpose of this Safety Plan is to ensure the safety of all involved in the event, including participants, the support team, other water users and the public.

It should be read in conjunction with the Risk Assessment for the tour.

**Organisation**

The event is organised by Isle of Ely RC in conjunction with the British Rowing Recreational Rowing Committee (RRC) and rowing clubs along the route.

The organisers have considerable experience gained over some 20 years of touring rowing around the UK and abroad including regularly planning major events.

The tour will follow BR RowSafe guidance, in particular tour guidance (AnnexA)

The Tour and Safety Coordinator is John Turnbull, Chairman of the British Rowing RRC,  
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A team will be formed to provide tour support.

**The Route**

The tour will be on the Great Ouse from St Neots Rowing Club to West Norfolk Rowing Club via overnight stops at St Ives (Jones Boatyard) and Isle of Ely Rowing Club

The proposed itinerary is attached (Annex B)*.*

Navigational information such as approaches to locks, location of hazards and rules of the river will be collated and included on maps to be issued to crews.

**Passage through locks**

Locks will be operated whenever possible by bank support. Lock handles and keys will also be issued to selected crews in case of restricted access or availability of bank support. All persons involved in lock operation will be fully briefed.

Boats will be equipped with ropes, boat hooks and canoe paddles for positioning and security in locks.

**Boat Captains**

The Organisers will appoint appropriately experienced participants as Boat Captains. Each will be responsible for a nominated boat during the Tour.

They will be required to:

* ensure that their boat is in a safe condition at all times
* determine the crew order
* manage crew welfare during rowing by ensuring provision of water, suitable rest periods and checking for injuries
* ensure whoever is coxing navigates the boat in accordance with the agreed instructions and with due regard to hazards and conditions
* communicate with the designated Tour Coordinator in the event of emergencies afloat
* attend briefings daily or as circumstances dictate to receive guidance from the Tour Coordinator on the itinerary, route, hazards and other safety matters.

Captains will be issued with a set of laminated maps for each stage of the tour route, showing waterway information and land access points together with a laminated summary Emergency Procedure and Contact Number card, for use in the boat.

All boats will carry mobile phones and emergency numbers

Captains will be provided with a summary of their duties and emergency procedures (see Annex C)

**Participants**

All participants will be required to:

* be members of British Rowing with related third party insurance cover
* certify that they are fit to cover the distances involved and are competent rowers - verified as appropriate by their Club Captain
* declare any medical conditions that might affect them or require attention
* sign a waiver in relation to any injuries or damage arising from participation

All participants will be provided with joining instructions detailing location of accommodation and boating venues together with personal items and safety equipment they should bring with them.

**Emergency Procedures**

A Safety and Emergency Handbook will be issued to the Tour Support Team and will include the following:

* the itinerary
* list of participants and crews with mobile phone contact numbers
* navigation information and maps
* contact numbers and location information for local medical services
* emergency service contact numbers
* the Risk Assessment

Any accident or emergency on land or on water should be reported to the Tour Coordinator without delay. In the event of a serious medical problem the emergency services can be called directly.

For incidents afloat, Boat Captains should notify the Tour Coordinator by phone of the nature of the problem and the boat position.

**Transport**

Participants are responsible for their own transport to the hotel accommodation

Trailer drivers will be provided with directions on sites for unloading, parking and loading trailers. Boat transport has been coordinated to minimise numbers of trailers – expected to be 3.

Transport to and from boating points will be by locally hired coach, taxis and land party cars.