

**RYA Women's Team Racing Championship 2025; Alton Water**

This is a live document which is supplementary to the Royal Hospital School Risk Assessment and Emergency Action Plan

What are the hazards	Who might be harmed and how	Likelihood (1 unlikely, 5 highly likely)	Severity	Risk Rating (without control measures)	What control measure are there to reduce risk	Revised Likelihood	Revised Severity	Risk Rating (with control)
Water	All water users; drowning	3	5	High	Buoyancy aids to be worn by all those afloat or on the pontoons. Umpires, Course Managers and Ferry Boats provide safety boat cover throughout event, tally count of water users	1	5	Medium
Powerboats	All water users and pontoon/shoreside; propeller injuries	2	5	High	Kill cords must be worn by Powerboat drivers at all times, guidance issued on appropriate conduct/powerboat driving, RYA Powerboat level 2 required for all powerboat drivers	1	3	Medium
Weather	All event attendees; hypothermia	4	3	High	Monitoring of weather forecast, appropriate ratio of first aiders on site, appropriate verbal briefing for all attendees. Competitors required to wear wetsuits or drysuits at all times when afloat. Event Team Lead to include a weather summary in the daily morning briefing.	2	3	Low
General Public	All event users, specifically students; verbal/ physical abuse, inappropriate behaviour	2	3	Medium	Safeguarding checks for event attendees, appropriate briefing, NOR stipulating adults attending per team	2	2	Low
Safeguarding	Students/children; grooming/inappropriate behaviour	2	3	Medium	Changing room and toilet separation for school teams	1	2	Low
Overall site	All event attendees; slips, trips and falls	3	2	Medium	Appropriate briefing, fire exit signage and maintenance of site.	2	2	Low
Slipways/ pontoons	All users of areas; slips and trips	2	3	Medium	Limiting users at any one time, dedicated supervisor to manage	1	2	Low
Boats and Equipment	Boat users and supporting staff; cuts, grazes, minor injuries	3	2	Medium	Checking over of all equipment prior to event, volunteer directed to support launching and recovery and continued boat maintenance, careful briefing, use of appropriate PPE	2	2	Low