

MAIDSTONE SMALL BOATS HEAD

WELFARE STATEMENT

In accordance with British Rowing's Safeguarding and Protecting Children Policy, the Organising Committee of the Maidstone Small Boats Head believe that the welfare and well-being of all young people is paramount:

- All young people, regardless of age, gender, 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.

The Maidstone Invicta Rowing Club Welfare Officer has been appointed as Welfare Officer for the Head and she will be the point of contact for any concerns or allegations. Her contact number will be posted at Regatta Registration, behind the boathouses, throughout the duration of the competition. Race Registration is also the location to report Missing Persons. Any welfare concerns should initially be reported to the Welfare Officer.

In order to contact the adult responsible for a junior (i.e. coach or parent) it is important that the person submitting the race entry provides a usable contact number via the online entry. No individual contact details for juniors will be held.

Coaches and parents are also reminded of the need for juniors to wear clothing suitable for the conditions on the day of the race.

Competitors may be photographed by amateurs or professionals who sell their photographs. The Head cannot prevent this as the race area and towpath are on public land that is accessible to the general public. However, the Welfare Officer will respond appropriately to any reports of inappropriate photography.

Regatta Medical Cover is being provided by Leighton Cooley.

Contact Numbers

MSBH Welfare Officer (Dani James): 07967 022672

British Rowing Child Protection Officer: 0208 237 6700

NSPCC: 0808 800 5000

Kent Police: 01622 690690