



ROSS REGATTA 2026



Sunday 30th August – Monday 31st August

WELFARE STATEMENT AND PLAN

To all competing clubs and regatta officials:

In accordance with the British Rowing Safeguarding and Protection of Children Guidance Guidelines for Rowing Competitions

Welfare Statement

The organising Committee of the Ross weekend regattas believes that the welfare and wellbeing of all children is paramount. All children, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, religion or ability, have equal rights to safety and protection. We would ask that everybody should be vigilant and report anything suspicious, such as, someone unknown to the crew taking photographs. All suspicions, concerns and allegations of harm are taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.

Welfare Plan

The organising committee has looked at the procedures of the processes of the regatta from the point of view of the welfare of children and vulnerable adults, whether as competitors, helpers or spectators.

Most issues are covered in the regatta safety plan but the organising committee would like to draw attention to the following specific points:

Children as competitors - all officials and competitors should treat child competitors in an appropriate way, for example when giving instructions or when launching or marshalling.

Children as helpers - Children will not be placed in hazardous situations.

Children as spectators - Children spectating should take care when close to the river bank.

What to do if you have a child welfare concern?

If anyone at the Regatta has any concerns of any nature about child welfare they should contact the **Regatta Welfare Officer, Sue Thompson**. During the Regatta, Sue can be contacted immediately by any official with a radio, or via Registration.

Sue will take overall responsibility for investigations and taking any required action, and referral to other concerned parties e.g. coordination umpire, the police or British Rowing CPO. She will take responsibility for reporting any matter to the police, and ensuring that reports are made to the British Rowing Child Protection Officer (020 8237 6700) for the NSPCC (0808 800 5000) if appropriate

Medical Provision is provided **at the regatta during the hours of racing**; outside these hours please use the local numbers for the hospital, or emergency services – numbers listed below.

Contact numbers for Responsible Adults

The Regatta Welfare officer may need contact details of a coach or other adult responsible for a junior competitor. At registration, all clubs with junior competitors will be asked to provide a contact name and mobile number.

Missing Persons

Report any missing persons to the Control Commission (or another official) who will communicate with the Club Welfare Officer. Announcements will be sent out via the radios and PA system. Any missing person should also report to the Control Commission (or another official), so we can seek the person responsible for them.

Contact Numbers

Welfare Officer	Sue Thompson	07443 491564
Ross Safety Adviser	Tim Davies	07785 246721
Ross Club Chairman	Jon Preece	07976 235670
Director of Rowing	Dave Sykes	

BR Child Protection Officer (CPO)	020 8237 6700
NSPCC	0808 800 5000

Emergency Numbers

EMERGENCY	999	FIRE & RESCUE, POLICE, AMBULANCE
HOSPITAL	01432 355444	HEREFORD HOSPITAL
DOCTORS	01989 563646	ALTON STREET SURGERY
	01989 763535	PENDEEN SURGERY
POLICE	08457 444888	
LOCAL TOWN POLICE	07816 969 674	PC MARK MURPHY
COMMUNITY SUPPORT	07971 642 862	CSO PAUL COWMEADOW / JAMES COOKE

Our address: Ross Rowing Club
Ropewalk
Ross on Wye
HR9 7BU

Protocol when receiving a report of a missing person

- Name, age and brief description of missing person
- Any known medical condition
- Name and contact number of person reporting the missing person
- How long has the person been missing

All Ross Club members undertaking supervisory roles or with access to young people's contact details are DBS checked and certified

The responsibility for the welfare and behaviour of juniors of visiting clubs lies with those clubs. Ross RC undertakes not to serve drinks to underage persons whether direct or by proxy via irresponsible adults.