

## **LEICESTER ROWING CLUB**

### **Safety Report for AGM 2023**

Members continue to make regular reports via the British Rowing online system and there have been 43 reports submitted since the last AGM. It is striking how few of the incidents we report relate to actual or potential collisions between rowing crews, testimony to the efforts made by club members to ensure they are steering accurately and being considerate to each other. 10 of these incidents were simple capsizes. The majority of navigations concerns were caused by barges, and incidents on land continue to occur regularly. I would also note that there were a couple of incidents that involved club members assisting members of the public who found themselves, or in one case their dog, in difficulties close to the club.

Anne continues to lobby for signage and other improvements to our rowing environment, but the reduction in funding available to the Canal and Rivers Trust and the decline in water quality are matters of significant concern from a safety perspective. This is particularly the case given the increasing frequency of extreme weather events that impact on our activities.

I would like to thank everyone who has supported the club by spending time on the bank supervising crews or fishing all sorts of debris out of the canal or has worked to extract weed from the basin. All of these activities contribute to the safety and wellbeing of club members. With membership numbers on the increase and more people out on the water, especially in singles it is more important than ever that we continue working together to keep everyone safe.

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