

LEICESTER ROWING CLUB AGM 2021

Safety Report for AGM 2021

This year has been another busy year on the safety front as we have regularly had to review and amend our Covid-19 related safety procedures and documentation. I'm like to record my thanks to everyone on the Committee for their contributions to this process, and particularly to Ben, Howard, Liz and Tim who have all committed significant amounts of time to writing and reviewing documents. We have also benefitted from the advice of the committee's healthcare professionals, Ang and Clare. Credit is again also due to club members for the way they have adapted to the changed circumstances and quickly adjusted as guidance has changed. As a committee we have sought to ensure that all our members continue to feel confident that the club is an environment where the risks of contracting Covid-19 are taken seriously and that a concerted effort is being made to mitigate them.

Members continue to be assiduous in reporting incidents to the British Rowing online reporting system. Indeed so assiduous that the club received a commendation from British Rowing. While simple capsizes remain a common incident, it is a matter of concern that many of the incidents, either of poor adherence to navigation codes by barges or of anti-social behaviour, are things that are very difficult for us to control in any way but which still need to be reported in the hopes we can push those with power in these areas to take action. Anne continues to do steering work in her effort to get the Canals and Rivers Trust to take out navigation concerns seriously. She has had more success mobilising a range of agencies to address the risks posed by magnet fishers and I look forward to seeing how these bear fruit over the next few months.

I would like to thank all the junior parents who have supported the club by spending time on the bank, including marshalling for Sunday pieces and fishing all sorts of debris out of the canal.

Finally I would encourage everyone to continue to continue working together to keep everyone safe. I was reassured by conversations with some new members during a recent night rowing briefing that we are getting many things right, but there is always room for us to improve and make things even better.

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