

**Risk Assessment**  
**Regattas at Spring Hill site**  
**Under the auspices of Lea Rowing Club**

<u>Risk Factor</u>	<u>Risk Level</u>	<u>History of Accidents</u>	<u>Measures to be taken</u>
Person in water - spectator, competitor or official	moderate	We have had the occasional overturned sculling boat. (1)	There will be a safety launch with outboard motor and radio contact with marshalls and umpires. Umpires are equipped with throw lines and thermal blankets.
Collision of boats	moderate	None at this regatta (2)	Boats are launched for one 'division' of 6 races and sent up to a marshalling area upstream of the start. Only when a division's racing has been concluded are the marshalled competitors for the next division allowed to launch their craft and proceed upstream. There are marshalls downstream of the finish and upstream of the start to assure orderly navigation in both areas.
Difficulties with spectators	Tolerable	None	We work to be sure the event does not generate antipathy. Most of the spectators are known to many of the others - rowing is a friendly community.

Notes

- (1) *The sides of the river are vertical for the entire course; so we are very keen to have all the provisions in place, even though we have never needed to use anything besides the safety launch, and that only to expedite recovery. Scullers are well-versed in dealing with this eventuality, but spectators are less so and not so lightly clothed.*
- (2) *Because the stretch of river is narrow, it will not comfortably accommodate more than two boats abreast. Our procedure therefore is the only practicable way to run the marshalling at our regatta. Other regattas have more room and send competitors to the start during racing, and in that process, collisions are not unheard-of.*