

The Manitoba Regatta Safety Policy

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1. A minimum of two fully licensed officials shall be present to officiate at every regatta.
2. One official's launch shall accompany every race that has three or fewer entries, with four or more entries; there shall be two officials in separate boats.
3. In addition to official's boats, one reserve launch and operator shall be on the water to provide assistance in the event of problems.
4. All launches on the water shall be equipped with personal flotation devices for all persons in the boat plus a minimum of two extra.
5. Where docking facilities are out of sight of official's launches, radio communication shall be present between each official's launch and a fixed shore installation.
6. Telephone communication shall be available at the site to use in event of emergency. Where competitors are out of sight of a land communication center, official's boats should be equipped with walkie / talkie radios.
7. The following items should be available: drinking water, ice, blankets, adequate sanitation, posted illustrations of course (showing traffic pattern and potential hazards / problem areas) and a first aid installation.
8. Marshall floats should be present at warm-up areas and /or spots where race courses might be crossed by other water traffic.
9. Bow balls in sound condition shall be present on all shells.

RCA - licensed officials should ensure that these rules are followed at every regatta. If they are not the official shall have the right to cancel or stop the regatta until the rules have been met.

To ensure that these rules are met we expect contact from the regatta chair **no less than one month in advance** of your scheduled event. This contact can be made through the officials chair Ann Piercy at 885-6689 or through the MRA office at 925-5653. The officials' chair will take responsibility to appoint a chief referee for the event within the next week. Then the chief referee and the regatta chair will work together to ensure that the safety of the athletes is met. Any rental expenses for equipment will be the responsibility of the local organizing committee.