



SAFETY AUDIT CHECKLIST

Effective Date: December 1, 2022

CHECKLIST DATE: _____	YES	NO	? OR N/A	NOTES
Organization				
Do you have:				
Safety Committee /Safety Officer?				
Site map with traffic patterns and hazards?				
Safe havens for emergency exit from water identified?				
Emergency action/response plan?				
An incident reporting system?				
All rowers educated on safety?				
All safety info prominently posted?				
Coaches and staff				
Do all coaches have current background checks, First Aid, and CPR certifications?				
Do all launch drivers have current boater safety license/certificate?				
Do coaches know how to rescue rowers and approach shells?				
Are coaches familiar with the local area?				
Are all coaches, administrators, and support staff SafeSport trained?				
Is your logbook always fully utilized?				
Does damage to boats get reported?				
Do incidents get reported to USRowing?				
Docks and Ramps				
Are all docks and ramps kept clear and in good repair?				

For Athletes				
Have all passed a swim test?				
Do all non-swimmers wear a life jacket?				
Are all medical conditions on file?				
Have all 1x scullers passed a flip test?				
Do all athletes know the basic commands?				
Does everyone know where the First Aid kits are?				
Has everyone watched the USRowing Safety Video?				
Rowing Conditions				
Are weather, water, and other conditions assessed before launching?				
Is there an established distance for determining fog/low visibility?				
When operating in or near darkness, do all boats have lights?				
Does everyone assess lightning and thunder proximity?				
If tide/current is a factor, is that assessed prior to rowing?				
Is heat-related risk assessed and mitigated?				
Is cold weather/cold water risk assessed and mitigated?				
Equipment				
Is all equipment well maintained?				
Are boats checked for safety before launch?				
Are athletes wearing safe, visible clothing?				
Are all heel ties and bow balls securely in place?				
The Coaching/Safety Launch				
Are there enough PFDs for every rower and coxswain?				
Are all PFDs easily accessible?				
Is every person on the launch wearing a PFD at all times?				
Are the PFDs approved styles?				
Do launches have rescue and other items? (throwable PFD, anchor, line...)				
Do launches have safety kits? (PFDs, Space Blankets, first aid kit...)				
Do coaches have a list of emergency contacts, landing sites?				

Is the tool kit complete?				
Is the engine well-serviced?				
Are boat drivers wearing a kill switch?				
Do coaches have marine radios and/or cell phones whenever on the water?				
Trailer				
Has trailer been thoroughly checked before every trip?				
Does the towing vehicle get checked before every trip?				
Is the driver well-trained?				
Do drivers know State and Federal regulations for trailering?				
On The Water				
Are all minors supervised?				
Are there sufficient launches for all shells and athletes on the water?				
Do single scullers carry a PFD?				
Emergency Situations				
Do athletes know how to handle a capsizing?				
Do all athletes know to stay with the boat?				
Are all safety boat operators taught how to rescue on water?				