

RISK WARNING

Section 5M of the Civil Liability Act 2002 (NSW) provides that a person does not owe a duty of care to another person involved in a recreational activity to take care in respect of a risk of the activity if the risk was the subject of a risk warning. This is a risk warning for the purposes of the Civil Liability Act.

This risk warning is issued to all persons participating in **rowing** or **rowing related** activities conducted by or under the auspices of **Rowing New South Wales Inc**, including persons participating as rowers, coxswains, coaches, volunteers, officials or spectators.

Participants are warned that, regardless of the precautions taken by experienced persons, rowing (and activities related to it) can be a potentially dangerous pursuit and participants are exposed to significant risk of property damage, physical harm and possible death.

As an indication, these risks may include (but are not limited to) harm or injury caused by:

- falling out of the boat, swamping or capsizing (including possible drowning);
- attacks by sharks or other marine animals;
- running aground or collision with objects or other vessels including motor boats, yachts, ferries, other rowing boats, navigation pylons, pontoons, jetties and moored craft;
- propeller strike if you should be in the water near a propeller driven boat;
- extremes of weather and water conditions or by exposure to the sun or other elements;
- slipping on a pontoon or boat ramp, or coming into contact with rocks or sharp shells on shorelines;
- colliding with riggers, boats, training equipment or other objects in and around the boatshed and gymnasium;
- strength and fitness programs including running, ergometer and weight training;
- over exertion, dehydration and physical stress.

Participants are also warned that, in the event of an accident, immediate assistance (including medical care) may not be available and that significant delays may occur before such assistance becomes available.

Participants are warned to consider the above risks and all other risks before deciding to participate in any rowing or rowing related activity.

Persons engaged in rowing or rowing related activities **may** be covered by insurance against personal accidents under a policy maintained by Rowing Australia. However, this insurance will not cover property loss or damage, and may not cover injury caused to third persons. Any participant who considers that he or she has a need for insurance should make private arrangements with an insurer.