

**CONTINGENCY PLANS IN THE EVENT OF THE CANCELLATION OF RYDE (and/or Shanklin) REGATTA, 2<sup>nd</sup> (and 3<sup>rd</sup>), JUNE, 2018.**

In 2008, and for the first and only time, since Ryde and Shanklin Rowing Clubs first hosted two Hants & Dorset ARA Championship Regatta's over the same weekend both were lost to the weather. While both Regatta's were eventually rescheduled, Shanklin on the day after Newport Regatta and Ryde in August this involved an additional trip to the Island for the mainland Clubs which was obviously difficult to organize and expensive after what was, through no fault of Ryde and Shanklin Rowing Clubs, a wasted trip in May.

It is unfortunate that, in contrast to the received weather forecast, both the Ryde and arguably the Shanklin courses were rowable on the Sunday – but the necessary local authority approval and Regatta Services were not available at Ryde to switch either Regatta to this course.

In order to try and minimize the impact on mainland Clubs of an unlikely repeat of a joint cancellation Ryde Rowing Club have put in place contingency plans that, in the event of either or both Regatta's being cancelled again, and the Ryde course being rowable, a Regatta could be held at Ryde on Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June. This has involved a second days amenity hire from the local authority (covering the beach, pavement and park) along with permission to use the Appley Car Park and the road along the sea-front and the provisional booking of the Umpires Boat for a second day along with provision for First Aid and Safety cover. The Ryde course – start/finish platform and posts and the buoy line will remain in place for the Sunday – and will not be dismantled until late on Sunday or Monday morning. Ryde and Shanklin Regatta's use the same PA provider and VHF Radios and these could easily be made available at Ryde on the Sunday if required.

A Regatta at Ryde on the Sunday would start and finish approximately 45minutes later than a Saturday Regatta. If this was a switch of Shanklin Regatta some element of program revision would probably be required due to the time constraints at Ryde.

At this time there is no alternative date available if Ryde Regatta is cancelled.

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