

LLRC Incident Investigation Report

Date 07/14/25 Time am 7:20 pm

Program Masters Coached Rowing with 2 launch boats

Weather Sunny, humid, light winds

Boat/s Involved Masters Men 4+

Rower/s Involved Josh, Patrick, Jimmie, Doug & Irene in Stern loaded cox seat

Location of Incident see sketch on back

Sketch the location on the back.

Activity: rowing not rowing

(check all that apply) Yes coached workout moving boat

 no coach putting boat in the water

 tech drill taking boat out of the water

 speed work

 racing

 other

Describe Incident.

 Our rowing shell was heading to the East bay, following our usual traffic pattern and staying close to the South shore. A Red & White Ski boat with a skier was heading to the West bay also on the South shore. They approached us head on at speed. It actually looked like he made a move towards us rather than make a turn and head back eastwards. I had to stop the boat when I realized he either couldn't see us or just didn't care. He was a good 400ft away when I stopped the boat. I was in the cox seat, and was waving to let him know we were directly in front of him. All rowers were wearing hi-viz clothing. He made a very sharp turn under 150 feet from our bow. This of course threw a big wake our way. Thankfully due to me being in the cox seat I was able to stop the boat, and was able to avert a nasty accident.

Emergency Action Taken.

See Above

Was anyone injured? (If yes, briefly describe injuries and any medical attention received)

 No

Equipment damage? (If yes, briefly describe and fill out Equipment Damage Report)

 None

What was the cause? (Determine the cause by analyzing all factors concerned)

List any Unsafe Acts____Ski boat was full power and head-on towards us, with the boat slightly up on plane. Disrespectful to other non-motorized crafts on the water. Could easily have flipped over and injured rowers and rowing shells._____

List any Unsafe Conditions_____

Medical Condition/s_____

Fundamental Cause_____

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Corrective Action Taken (What have you done, or what do you recommend be done to prevent a recurrence?)

_____I would recommend these types of incidents be reported to HC water police. And most importantly the ski boat driver should be cautioned as to the dangerous situations he is causing on Long Lake_____

Has this been done? __ Yes __ No

If not, give a reason__I haven't personally , but believe there have been other incidents.

And these are all being shared with HC water police together_____

Coach (or prepared by)_Irene Balmforth_____ Date Report__07/20/25_____ Reviewed by_____

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