



Safety Advisory Committee

Advisory Notice. 16/May/24 All

Do not wear a Dryrobe when afloat!

Reports of Cox wearing Dry Robe?

There have been reports of a cox/s wearing a dryrobe during training and during racing. This is dangerous as the coat is very heavy and it would be difficult to swim or float when wearing one.

These coats are ideal for the purpose that they are designed to fulfill. This is to keep the wearer warm after activities such as cold-water swimming or rowing.

These coats have labels warning wearers not to wear them when afloat.

Dryrobe states.

Please use common sense when using dryrobe products.

Dryrobe Advance is ideal for use out of the water. Be aware that falling into water while wearing dryrobe advance would present a serious risk of drowning, even for the strongest swimmers. We do not recommend or encourage you to use dryrobe Advance while on the water.

Be aware of the dangers, educate yourself and your children to the risks with all sporting activities.

Have fun stay safe.

A lifejacket cannot be used in combination with a dryrobe. If it were to be worn over a dryrobe then it would not be possible to prevent the inflated lifejacket coming off over the wearer's head. Dryrobes do not have a slit or vent at the back so thigh straps could not be used.

It would not be safe to wear a lifejacket under a dryrobe as, if the lifejacket inflated, then the pressure on the wearers chest would make breathing difficult.

Please help each other to stay safe, if it is not safe call, it out!

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