

River service keep bridge crew safe

CREW working on a temporary bridge at the Reading Festival were kept safe thanks to river rescue provided by TAO Group.

The bridge, designed and installed by Serious Stages, was erected to allow visitors to get from north car parks situated on the other side of River Thames to the festival site.

The team from TAO Fire, managed by fire director Chris Harvey, supplied river rescue personnel stationed on jet skis, while the bridge was moved into position by a 250 tonne crane.

Chris said: "Our brief was to provide rapid water rescue for the crews assembling and positioning the structure. Due to the width of the river at that point we needed to station jet skis with water rescue personnel up and down stream of the structure."

The company has had a number of enquiries for river rescue provision since the service was used last year at the launch of the BT Round the World Yacht Race.