

Marlow Regatta

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for entering Marlow Regatta at Dorney. Please note carefully the time of your first race. Upon arrival, cars will be directed to the appropriate car park. Competitors car passes will be issued 3 for an eight, 2 for a four and 1 for smaller boats. Cars without labels will be charged £15.00. Boat trailers will use the trailer park, where towing vehicles must be detached and parked separately. Boats should be unloaded, moved to the boat rack areas, assembled and racked. Take care to maintain a good look out when crossing the road from the trailer park to the boat storage areas.

The Regatta committee hires Dorney Lake for the event and agrees to maintain standards of cleanliness. It will be appreciated if all visitors will either take home their rubbish or place it in the litterbins provided. Competitors must use the additional toilets provided, because complaints have arisen from earlier regattas, when competitors have relieved themselves elsewhere.

To comply with British Rowing rules every competitor must bring their British Rowing racing licence to the Regatta. Overseas crews must provide insurance evidence. Random checks may take place during the regatta and crews without cards may be prevented from racing.

Crews must register their intention of racing at least **one hour before the time of the first race to be held in the event for which they have entered**, otherwise the event may be re-drawn without them **N.B.** This is the time of the first race **in the event**; that is not the same thing as **your first race time**.

Crews will be issued with crew numbers, which should be stuck to the bow saxboards and pinned to Bow's back to assist in marshalling. The responsibility for informing the Regatta of any **crew changes** rests with the crews. Random checks may be carried out throughout the day. Coxes must also weigh in, providing their own weights, if necessary. (cox boxes count as part of the boat and cannot be used as weights).

Lightweights must weigh-in not more than two hours and not less than one hour before their first race in each event in which they are entered. Lane numbers can be collected 45 minutes before race time.

Winners will receive their prizes from a raft in front of the Enclosure. Winning crews should therefore complete a revised warm down loop, to call at the winners raft in front of the Enclosure (see circulation plan). The Committee regrets that no trophies may be taken from the Regatta. Saturday's winning crews will receive a winner's plaque in addition to individual tankards. Medals will be awarded on Sunday.

Crews may not practise on the lake on either day. A circulation pattern is in force both for the return channel and the main lake, competitors, coxes and coaches need to familiarise themselves with this before taking to the water. **There is a different circulation pattern for Saturday's 2,000m race and Sunday's 1,000m race.** Lanes are numbered from 0 to 9 with lane 0 closest to the spectator side of the course.

Control Commission umpires may inspect your boat before you get afloat for compliance with Row Safe and the Rules of Racing. Boats failing these checks will be prevented from boating until remediated. It must be understood that it is the responsibility of every athlete, cox and coach to ensure that equipment complies.

Every boat competing at the regatta must have a boat ID number complying with British Rowing's requirements. Visiting crews should check with British Rowing to secure a temporary registration. These requirements include:

- Club three letter code plus three digit number
- 6cm high
- Plain sans serif font (e.g. Aerial)
- Contrasting colour
- Both sides of the bow saxboards

Crews must boat from the pontoons nearest to lane 9, and proceed to the start via return channel and not along the course. Any warming up may be done in the return channel as indicated on the circulation plan. **In the return channel crews must turn at the turn markers and not at some point between.** Crews will be marshalled by race and by lane at the start end of this channel, and should aim to be **in the marshalling area 10 minutes** before their race time. Crews should enter the course in lane order, with Lane 1 crews leading. After racing, crews may warm down as shown on the circulation plan, provided that they do not interfere with racing. Crews failing to comply with any part of the circulation pattern risk disqualification.

Safety Plan

The Regatta complies with British Rowing's "**Row safe a guide to good practice in rowing**". A separate Safety Plan is available and must be read by every person taking part in the event, whether they be competitors, coaches, organisers, marshals, umpires or safety personnel.

Safety Boats

Rescue safety boats will be positioned both on the course and in the return channel. Crews in distress should attract the attention, by waving and shouting, of the nearest official who will be in radio contact with safety boats. Distressed crews in the return channel should return to the rafts via the 1000m access point, cross the course after a race to lane 0 and hence to the rafts.

No crews may boat from the Dorney Lake site to the adjacent River Thames. Crews wishing to train on the Lake prior to the Regatta must make their own arrangements with Dorney Lake Services Ltd (01753 832756).

Cycling

Coaches/supporters may only cycle on the Finish Tower side of the course and are restricted to two per crew. They must follow the circulation pattern shown on the attached circulation plan, keeping a good look out for service cars at all times. No pedestrians are allowed to view the course beyond the Finish Tower. **No cycling is allowed on the path on the Enclosure side of the course, or on the apron in front of the boathouse.**

All boats must be removed from the racking at the end of racing on Sunday. The Regatta Committee hereby give notice that they will not take responsibility for any loss or damage etc. that may be caused to boats, equipment, personal goods or property, whilst at the Regatta.

The Committee thank you for your support and hope that you have an enjoyable Regatta.

Yours sincerely,

P. D. Blaseby

(Chairman)