

# Bristol Avon Regatta

## NOTES FOR COMPETITORS

### General

**TRAILER AND CAR PARKING:** See separate Note.

**REGISTRATION:** will open at 08:00. ALL COMPETITORS MUST BRING THEIR BRITISH ROWING LICENCES. These must be handed in to the Entries Secretary when registering. Please remember to collect them when you have finished racing.

**PRIZEGIVING:** Winning crews should apply to Registration for their prizes. There are trophies for some events (see the Draw). These will on display at Registration and winning crews may be photographed with the trophies.

**REFRESHMENTS:** will be on sale – see the site map in the Circulation Pattern.

**TOILETS:** please use the portaloos near the boatshed – see the site map in the Circulation Pattern.

### Safety and racing instructions

**Please ensure that all crews are aware of and follow these instructions, which should be read in conjunction with the Circulation Pattern and the Timetable.**

**HAZARDS:** Points of danger are as follows:

- There is a weir downstream of the boathouse – see Circulation Pattern There will be a marshal on the boating raft instructing crews to turn; please follow his instructions.
- The banks along the course have been cleared but please be aware that there might still be some trees which stick out into the river.
- There will be boats moored along the course – watch out

**NO SAFETY COVER WILL BE PROVIDED ABOVE THE FIRST BRIDGE UPSTREAM OF THE BOATHOUSE**

**INSPECTION:** British Rowing's Rules of Racing state that it is the responsibility of the competitors to ensure that their boats are safe and prepared to the standards required by "Row Safe", and are suitable for the crew and conditions in which they are to be used. Regatta Officials will make spot check inspections of as many boats as possible before they are launched and shall exclude any boat that is found to fail to meet the required standards.

**BOATING, RACING AND DISEMBARKING:** Races are sent up to the start in batches of 8 or more races. The boating time for each batch is indicated on the Timetable. Please make sure you know which batch you are in and its boating time, and ensure that you join the boating queue in good time. Please keep the tunnel under the railway arch clear at all times for emergency access.

**BOATING FROM MINERVA:** Crews boating from Minerva should be registered and collect their numbers at Avon County in the normal way. Before their race, they may row from Minerva direct to the start.

**RESCUE LAUNCHES:** Two will be on the water at all times during racing: one above the start and one below the finish.

**STOPPING THE RACE:** If umpires have to stop the race, they will ring a bell and wave a red flag and/or instruct crews to STOP. All crews must stop rowing and remain where they are until given further instructions by the race umpires.

**IN THE EVENT OF AN INCIDENT:** Racing will be stopped and umpires will call for help. If you fall in you should stay with your boat and follow the instructions you have learnt in your capsized drills.

**COACHING FROM THE BANK:** The use of loud hailers/megaphones is not permitted.

**THE RACE COMMITTEE RESERVE THE RIGHT** to disqualify or give an official warning to any crew disobeying instructions or causing interference to any racing crew. If you wish to complain about any aspect of your race, please make your complaint to Race Control within 30 minutes of the end of your race.

**ON LAND:** Please be careful:

- Not to cause any harm to others when you are manoeuvring your boat in the boating areas.
- To clear the track under the railway tunnel if it is needed for emergency access
- To allow the general public to enjoy the public footpath along the river

**WEIL'S DISEASE:** If you fall in, please be advised by the St John Ambulance staff and note that showers for capsized victims are available.

**WILDLIFE:** Please take care not to harm swans and other wildlife in the area

## **FIRST AID and RESCUE**

**THE RED CROSS ARE IN ATTENDANCE IN THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE SALTFORD ROWING CENTRE**

**2 RESCUE LAUNCHES ARE PROVIDED**

**UMPIRES HAVE RADIOS AND MOBILE PHONES**