



Henley Town & Visitors' Regatta 2 August 2008

NOTES FOR COMPETITORS

(Items in **bold** are of particular concern, or are changes from last year.)

Please see the schematic map provided with this note.

1. The regatta is held under ARA Rules, and the ARA Water Safety Code will apply.
2. A representative of each club must report to the crew marshals' tent, located in the downstream end of the boating area upon arrival.
3. Competitors should report to the crew marshals half-an-hour before the start of their race, and will NOT be called for over the public address system.
4. Crews should proceed to the start in accordance with the circulation pattern map. **Take care at the crossover points.** Below Temple Island normal navigation rules apply, and there is no safety cover provided by the regatta in this area. Crews practising or warming up are not allowed on the course during the hours of racing.
5. All coxswains are responsible for providing and carrying their own weights, and must present themselves for weighing at least 30 minutes before they race.
6. All crews must be at the start, ready to race, two minutes before the scheduled time of their race. The start may take place without reference to absentees.
7. The stations count from the Buckinghamshire side of the river. Hence, in the draw the top named crew has the Bucks station, the middle crew the Centre station, and the bottom crew the Berks (towpath side) station.
8. The Start, except for sprint races, is at Remenham Farm. The Start for sprint races is at Remenham Club.
9. The course is approximately 1,000 metres in length and is marked out with buoys. Competitors should, in the interest of safety, remain within the buoyed course when racing.
10. The Finish for all races is at the downstream end of the floating stand. **Competitors are asked to note the position of the piles at the Finish, and are advised to watch the line of buoys closely to avoid colliding with the piles.**
11. In the event of a dead heat, the crews concerned will re-row immediately over the full course.
12. Prizes will be presented immediately after each final by a representative of the event sponsor, or an official or subscriber of the regatta. Prizes may be withheld if less than two boats start. The presentation raft is just upstream of the Floating Stand, and the winning crew in a final should proceed there without delay.
13. If crews wish to cool down after their race, they should proceed above the bridge. **Take care at the crossover point.** Please note that normal navigation rules apply, and there is no safety cover provided by the regatta, in this area. Crews cooling down are not allowed on the course during the hours of racing.
14. All challenge cups remain the property of the committee.
15. The committee reserves the right to alter the race programme to ensure fair and safe racing for all.
16. Changing tents are provided for the use of competitors. The committee, whilst exercising every precaution, will not be responsible for the loss or damage of articles left in the tents.
17. All cyclists must exercise due care and attention whilst on the towpath and be aware of other towpath users. All cycling within the enclosure is strictly forbidden.