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45th Year - Founded 1971 – 41st Race
Monkton Bluefriars Small Boats Head Race
17 October 2015
Under BR Rules
Entry list, results, etc., will be posted at
www.bluefriars.org.uk/sbh/
In aid of The Monkton Bluefriars Charitable Trust

Race Date : Saturday, 17 October 2015

Entries by BROE only. Entries close Thursday, 8 October 2015 at 1000.
Entries for each division may be closed separately before this time.

Entry Fees preferred by BROE The Entry Fee is £10 per head.(Coxes free)

The race will be held on the usual downstream 3300m course on the River Avon at Saltford, which is between Bath and Bristol.

Small Presentation prizes will be awarded in every class in which at least THREE boats start.

Competitors must provide their own boats and are responsible for their own accidents.

Note that the number of entries is limited to about 70 per division and that crews for which entry fees have been received will have priority.

Competitors may row twice (or even 3 times!), but may not row more than once for the same prize. (e.g. they may double up in J16 and N Sc, or in J16 Sc and J16 4+).

Classes will be split (e.g. Veterans into classes by age) if there is sufficient demand. Classes will be merged if there are insufficient entries. (e.g. if there were two J16 and one J15 4+, the J15 would be moved to J16.)

Short races will be arranged for J14 and below and other inexperienced competitors, if there are sufficient takers. There is a reduced Entry Fee £8 per head for J13 and younger. **The short race will have a new format this year – please see below.**

Adult Novice Beginners who took up rowing less than two years ago are welcome. These beginners should enter a Novice event and note 'Beginner' in BROE notes.

J14 competitors should be entered for a short race (Div B and/or Div D). If the coach feels strongly that the long course is more suitable for a particular crew, make a note with the entry and contact the Secretary by email.

In the event of FLOODING or fast stream, the Secretary will inform competitors of restrictions(eg events cancelled for competitors with less than 3 years experience) or new arrangements for the race, provided a telephone number is given with the Entries.

You are strongly advised to enter early.

Race details will be posted at www.bluefriars.org.uk/sbh

Insurance British rowing insurance is only valid for UK residents defined in the standard way as resident in the country for more than six months in a year. Overseas competitors must be adequately insured.

The short course We have received requests that there should be two races over the short course, to give competitors as much racing as possible. There is not time to have two traditional short-course races, so, after consultation with some clubs which normally enter crews for the short course, the format of the race has been changed to consist of upstream and downstream segments between the traditional Finish and the top of a long straight (about 1000 m each way). This will reduce the time that the race occupies the river. Crews will race upstream immediately after launching their boats. The order in which boats will be started on the upstream segment will be 1x followed by 2x, then 4x. Suitable gaps will be introduced. When the crews finish the upstream segment, they will park between the upstream finish and the railway bridge in the order in which they arrive there. As soon as all boats have finished the upstream segment, all will turn and immediately race downstream. The downstream segment will be in the order 4x, 2x, 1x, so crews will be able to start closely bunched together.

Crews may race in both Division B and Division D. As it is not practical for young competitors to compete in more than one class, the usual rule that crews may not race for the same prize more than once is relaxed. If a crew does race in both divisions for the same prize, the average of the four times recorded will be used. This will encourage crews to race as fast as possible in all segments.

Timetable It is expected that the timetable will be approximately as follows:

| Div | Launch | Short Race Up | Long Race Start | Short Race Down | Long Finish | Off River |
|---------|-----------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------|
| Long A | 0910-0935 | | 1010-1040 | | 1025-1100 | 1030-1115 |
| Short B | 1145-1155 | 1155-1210 | | 1215-1230 | | 1220-1235 |
| Long C | 1115-1150 | | 1220-1255 | | 1235-1310 | 1240-1325 |
| Short D | 1445-1455 | 1455-1510 | | 1515-1530 | | 1520-1540 |
| Long E | 1430-1450 | | 1520-1545 | | 1535-1600 | 1545-1630 |

To help with the construction of a good starting order, Entries Secretaries are asked to indicate the expected performance of each crew within the category entered – Fast, Medium Slow. Do this by entering F, M, or S in the competitor note field on the BROE entries page for the crew. Other comments may be included after a space after this. This will enable us to start crews in a sensible order, with a starting gap of about 20 seconds instead of the (too big) 45 to 50 second interval that has been the norm. Entries for crews for which this information is not included will normally be started in a random order at the end of the class or division.

The BROE system MUST be used to make ALL substitutions and changes and it will be left open for such changes after entries are closed. Changes should if possible be made by 2359 on Wednesday 8th October so that accurate lists can be prepared early the next day.

It is expected that BROE will be available at registration until 13:00 on the day of the race, for entry secretaries to use online, if there is a need to make unavoidably late changes and substitutions.

If, at the discretion of the secretary, an entry or substitution is accepted which is contrary to BROE rules the crew involved will become an unofficial entry and will be timed only.

There will be a limit of about 70 boats in each division. All classes of boats may compete in any of the divisions, and the choice of which division to compete in will be left to the club secretary making the entries. Entries will be made via the British Rowing online entry scheme, and entries for each division will close separately when they are full.

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