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46th Year - Founded 1971 – 42nd Race
Monkton Bluefriars Small Boats Head Race
15 October 2016
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, 15 October 2016

Entries by BROE only. Entries close Thursday, 6 October 2016 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 be in the same format as last 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 Entries 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 We will use the phone you provide via BROE with the Entries.

You are strongly advised to enter early.

Race details will be posted at www.bluefriars.org.uk/sbh/2016

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 The format of the short course races will be the same as that introduced in 2015. There should be two races over the short course, to give competitors as much racing as possible. Each race will consist of upstream and downstream segments between the traditional finish and the top of the 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 or 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 12th 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 divisions 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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