

Notes for Clubs and Competitors

Stourport Regatta 2023: 12th and 13th August

This event is run under British Rowing Rules and Row Safe guidelines.

Entries & Registration

- Entries must be paid for on-line (BROE2) no later than 9pm on the 11th August
- Entries are planned to close on Thursday 3rd August but may close sooner if our limit is reached before then so please get entries in early to avoid disappointment
- Crews and scullers may enter one event only in each division on any day. There is to be no doubling up, including coxes, boats or equipment sharing in any one division.
- Numbers will be issued en-bloc to the club on the day upon arrival. Please send a nominated club member to collect numbers from Registration in the club house. Please check that the correct number is given to each crew. (The appropriate number to be worn by Bow)
- If there are any changes to your entry, these must be declared to registration before your first race. Crew substitutions are subject to British Rowing rules. Remember that you cannot change more than 50% of the original crew you entered. In the case of single scullers, the sculler named on the entry form cannot be substituted.

Coxes

Coxes should report to race adjust (boat pairing) for weighing on the day, please remember to bring dead weights with you if you are under the required limit- see British Rowing Rules of Racing 2023 7-2-7d: The minimum weight for coxes shall be 45kg for all J15 and younger crews and 55kg for all other crews. Weight certificates for coxes will be issued and further spot checks may be made.

Boat Checking & Pairing

- It is the responsibility of each crew to ensure that their boat is compliant with the British Rowing Rules of Racing and Water Safety code. Spot checks will be made. Boats failing a safety check will be recorded as an equipment failure and not allowed to race until fixed.
- Crews must pair up with opponents at the boat checking point, on the regatta field, 30 minutes before their appointed race time.
- Race Control will not call crews prior to their races. Any change to race times

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must be arranged with the race adjuster (boat pairing).

-No row-overs will be allowed to avoid unnecessary congestion on the river.

Boating and Racing

-Once boated, proceed downstream on the club side of the river inside the buoyed lane.

-Please keep within the buoyed areas when rowing down to the start

-NO PRACTICING WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE COURSE – there is plenty of room for this past the marshalling areas.

-The start marshals will call paired-up boats to the start when appropriate – all crews must be prepared to be called at least 2 minutes before their appointed race time. Please note you will be asked to row to the start together, enabling the starter to align you and get you on your way.

-LOWEST NUMBERED CREW RACES ON CLUB SIDE

-Saturday 1000m Sunday 500m: free start courses upstream with a staggered start.

-Umpires will use the terms PORT & STARBOARD to direct, warn or steer crews. Please ensure that all steersmen understand the terms.

After Racing

-After finishing the race, crews must clear the finish immediately and proceed upstream to the bridge. Please spin as soon as possible after the bridge.

-Crews then return to the landing stage keeping well tucked into the club side.

-Please be aware of other boat users on the river as there is a put put boat business that runs closely upstream of the bridge.

-After each race, please remove all oars from the riverbank.

-Prizes will be awarded to qualifying winning crews on production of their racing licence at registration

Safety & First Aid

-Safety boat cover and First Aid is only provided during the hours of racing. Whilst crews may wish to practice outside of these hours, they do so at their own risk, and can only do so with prior permission.

-At all times, please respect other river users, particularly on the way to the start as there are two locks in use.

-Please ensure all competitors are familiar with the attached map of the river

- In the event of an accident/emergency procedures will be followed as detailed in the Safety plan: '6.0 Emergency Procedures'. In the instance of an accident on the water, the nearest marshal/official will inform the co-ordinating umpire and nearest safety boat through the radio. Additional assistance may be called

upon by the safety boat/marshals if necessary. Casualties will be taken to the landing stage for First Aid treatment. For accidents on land, the nearest Stourport Boat Club representative will alert the Safety Officer and the onsite First Aid provider.

Parking

- Limited parking is available on the Stourport Rugby Club pitch sides – see map.
- A charge of £5 will be made for parking – payment by change or card payment. You will be given a programme and if attending on both Saturday and Sunday, you will only be charged one payment of £5 for the weekend. Please show your programme if returning on the Sunday to prove purchase.
- Please ensure you DO NOT PARK ON THE PITCH
- Additional parking is available on the riverside carparks located on the town side of the bridge.
- PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LEISURE CENTRE AND CAR PARKS ADJACENT TO THE CLUB HAVE BEEN SOLD AND ARE PRIVATE PROPERTY. WE THEREFORE CAN NOT OFFER PARKING IN THESE AREAS

On-site Catering

- A BBQ and a tea tent will be available throughout the day. Purchases can be made by cash and card.

General notices

- The Organising committee accepts no responsibility for competitors' or spectators' personal property.
- Camping is available at the same site as parking- please ensure you leave a safe distance between tents and park vehicles sensibly without taking up too much space
- Showers will be available at the Swifts Football Club (directly opposite the boat club) from 5-7pm on Saturday night and 6:30-9am on Sunday morning. Please note- the showers at Stourport Boat Club are closed and not to be used unless in the event of capsizes.
- Please note that the access road to the boat club and the track up to the parking field/camping area are to be kept clear at all times for emergency access.
- Please be considerate to our neighbours at all times – Thank you.
- There is a public payphone in the High Street near the Wheatsheaf Public House – In an emergency 999 calls can be made from Registration.

CAMPERS:

PLEASE DO NOT CAMP ON THE RUGBY PITCH

PLEASE DO NOT LIGHT FIRES ANYWHERE

DO NOT USE BARBECUES ON THE RUGBY PITCH.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MAIN GATES TO THE CLUB, THOSE TO THE CAMPING FIELD AND THOSE TO THE TRAILER PARK WILL BE LOCKED AT MIDNIGHT ON SATURDAY AND RE-OPENED EARLY SUNDAY MORNING. THERE WILL STILL BE PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO THE CLUB AND CAMPING FIELD.