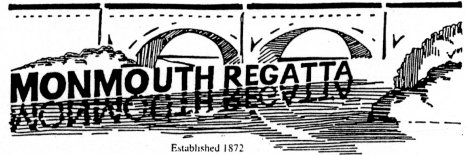


# Monmouth Regatta & Sprint 2017

## Sat 27<sup>th</sup> & Sun 28<sup>th</sup> May



### NOTES FOR UMPIRES

A very warm welcome to all umpires and race officials. The members of Monmouth rowing club thank you for giving of your time and expertise to our Regatta & Sprint. All are aware of the great job and service you provide to all competitors at these events and will work to assist you wherever possible to ensure a smooth running event.

Umpires are asked to marshal at race control, approx. 30 minutes before slots, where they will be either ferried to position in a launch or driving by road to their allocated positions.

#### **PARKING:**

Stephen Poole (Coordinating Umpire) will issue you umpires Badges, which will entitle you to:

- Free Parking at the rear of the Marquee (Space permitting, or in the field)
- Drinks and snacks from any MRC outlet (not ice-cream's I'm afraid!)
- Copy of the "Umpire's Note's" (Large format programme without Ads)

#### **EQUIPMENT:**

Megaphones and portable radio's will be issued for each allocated position at the race control tent. We kindly ask that you sign them in and out on each occasion.

#### **LUNCH/REFRESHMENTS:**

You will be given an Umpires badge which will allow you to take lunch in the clubhouse on both days.

Food, drinks and facilities will be available throughout the day - bottled water will be available to take with you to your position as the forecast is for warm weather (if this changes we will amend accordingly!). Should you have any special dietary requirements please see Gabby Miles in the Kitchen area of the main club house

Please find enclosed:

Umpires Badge, Umpire Drinks Ticket (for use in the bar should you wish), Race Programme, Circulation/Contacts sheet,

We are keen to ensure you have a good day at Monmouth and would welcome any feedback that will assist us to this end.

Thank you in advance and we hope you have a great weekend.

Below are notes to competitors for your information.

## **REGULATIONS FOR COMPETITORS (incl. Safety Instructions)**

1. The BR Rules of Racing and the BR Water Safety Code (as adopted by Welsh Rowing) will be strictly enforced.
2. All boats will carry a number in the number slot on the bows of the boat. The numbers are shown in the programme alongside the club's name. Numbers are to be collected from the Control Commission area.
3. Any crew which does not report to Registration as being present or which has not paid its entry fee one hour prior to race time is liable to disqualification. *Other crews from clubs that have scratched entries risk not being allowed to race if fees for scratched crews are not paid.*
4. No further alterations to the race programme can be made to accommodate boat sharing or doubling-up by competitors that was not notified to the Entries Secretary at the time of submission of entries, except at the sole discretion of the Entries Secretary. All permissible boat sharing and doubling-up, which was notified at the time of entry has been accommodated as best as is possible.
5. Crews must ensure that they are "paired up" with their opponents prior to boating in the on-shore marshalling area at least 30 minutes before the advertised time of their races. Crews will not be called and may be disqualified if they arrive late.
6. All crews will boat from the upstream landing stage (adjacent to Monmouth Rowing Club) and disembark from the landing stage downstream of the club.
7. The first-named boat in each event will race on the Hadnock (Monmouth School Boathouse) station.
8. Boats proceeding to the start must keep to the Dixton (Town/Monmouth Rowing Club) side of the river and must obey instructions given to them by the course umpires and marshals. Please see the attached map and instructions for further navigation and safety information. *Crews ignoring these instructions are liable to an official warning or disqualification – safety is the utmost priority.*
9. Competitors may be required to produce their Points Cards as proof of status at Registration. Points cards of all finalists of qualifying events will be retained at registration until crews have finished racing. Prizes will automatically be withheld or withdrawn from any crew whose members do not produce Points Cards or if errors of status are found or if misrepresentation has taken place.
10. Coxes are required to produce their own additional weight. Minimum weights as follows:
  - a. Senior men's, Veteran, J18, J16 and Mixed events – 55kg
  - b. Senior women's, Veteran Women's, WJ18 and WJ16 events – 50kg
11. No row-overs will be permitted except at the express permission of Race Control.
12. To ensure the safety of all competitors and to avoid congestion on the landing stages, no practice outings or "warm-downs" will be permitted while racing is in progress. Outings outside the race timetable are at the risk of athletes, no safety boat cover will be provided.
13. Saturday's event will be rowed over 1500m and Sunday's event over 750m. Both events will be raced downstream from a free start to the same finish marker
14. In the event of a dead-heat the race will be re-rowed over the full course.
15. A horn will sound at the end of each race and the result will be announced over the loud speakers.
16. Race Control reserves the right to alter the programme of events if it is considered necessary.
17. All Challenge Cups remain the property of the Regatta Committee.

## CREW INSTRUCTIONS

Competitors must comply with all instructions issued by umpires, marshals or safety officials who will be positioned along the course.

To boat:

Go to scrutineering (adjacent to race control), with your race opponents in good time (at least 30 minutes before race time). Once paired with opposition use Landing Stage "A".

Once on the water, crews must keep to the Dixon (town) side of the river and stay as close as possible to the bank. Boats racing downstream have priority and crews should be prepared to stop to allow them to pass. Warm up upstream of race start (not on the way up).

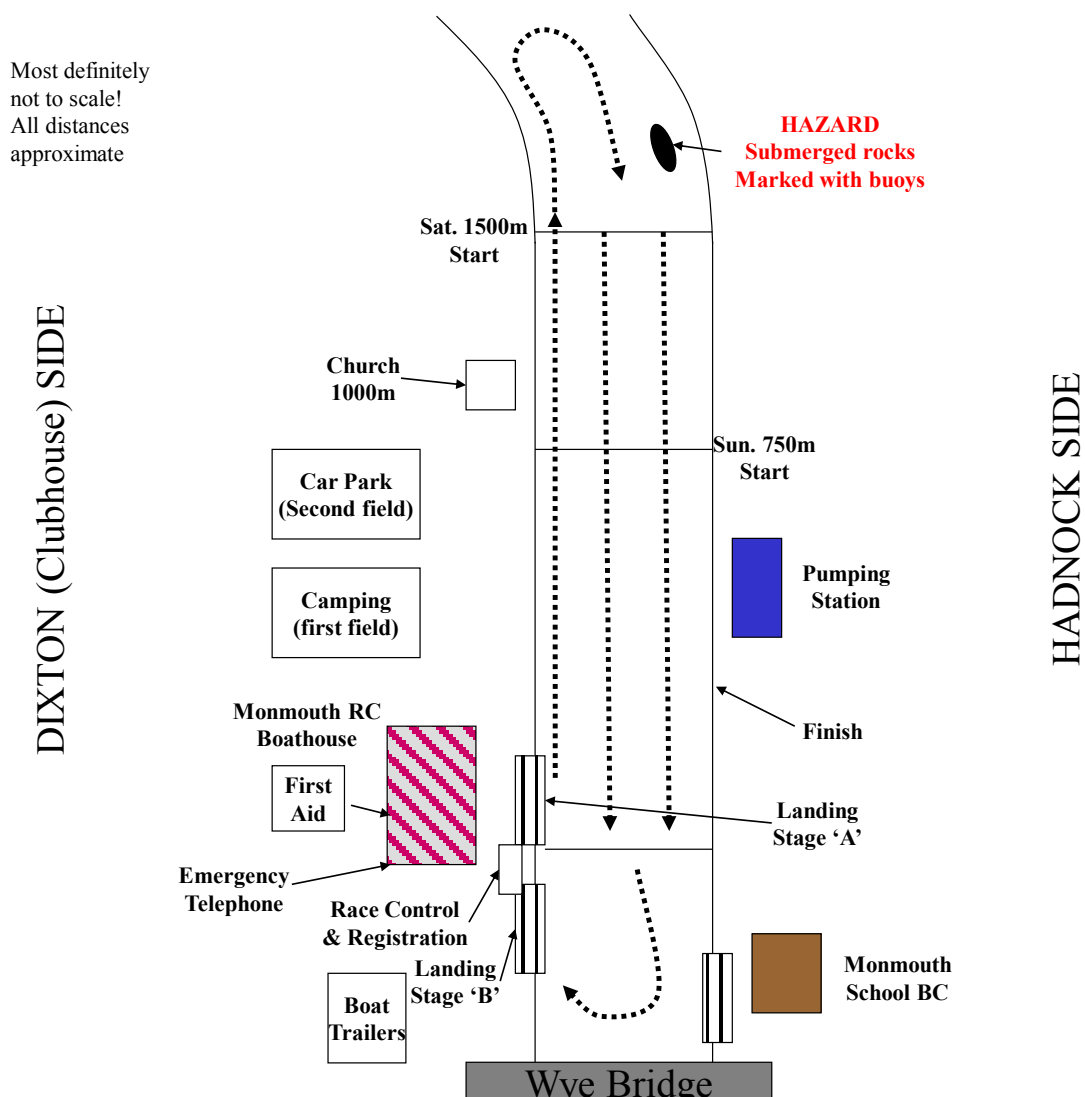
When crews complete their race, they should clear the finish line and turn well upstream of the bridge. Crews are to land using landing stage "B".

**UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD ANY CREW ATTEMPT TO GO DOWNSTREAM OF THE BRIDGE – YOU WON'T COME BACK!**

## SAFETY INFORMATION

**FIRST AID** - The First Aid station will be located downstairs of Monmouth RC Boathouse (Room immediately to the right of the main Gym entrance).

**MEDICAL** - A doctor can be contacted throughout the racing day at Race Control. An emergency telephone is located inside the main boathouse to the left of the doors and in the clubhouse (by the bar).



**In case of radio failures – contact Phone numbers:**

**Eric Froggatt – Safety / Race Control  
07810 483 466**

**James Allison – Medical / Rota  
07855 429 853**

**Peter Scott - 07774 600441**