

# BAD Bristol Avon Regatta at Saltford

## West Of England Challenge Vase for Coxed Fours

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023 - 1000m downstream course on River Avon at Saltford

In 2023, Bristol Avon at Saltford Regatta will be hosting the West of England Challenge Vase, illustrated opposite.

In its heyday it was widely recognised as being the premier provincial trophy for men's coxed fours.

This magnificent William IV solid silver vase was made in Birmingham in 1834, and was acquired jointly in 1877 by a group of representatives of regattas held at Bath ( later Saltford ), Worcester, Tewkesbury, Hereford and Shrewsbury.

It was first raced for at Bath in 1877 and, after that, the races for the trophy took place at each of the five venues in rotation until the early 1900s.

Life and regattas have moved on and the trophy is now competed for, in rotation, at Saltford, Worcester, Hereford, Shrewsbury and Gloucester and it is awarded for open and women's coxed fours.

In 2023, it will be hosted at Bristol Avon at Saltford Regatta on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May.

The prizes in 2023 will be pewter tankards with special inscriptions stamped on brass.



The regatta offers a full range of junior, senior and masters' events. The West Of England Challenge Vase is awarded for open and women's senior coxed fours. Masters and older juniors who wish to compete for the trophy need to enter as senior.

O4+ and W4+ will be raced in two bands: "WoE Band 1" and "non-WoE Band 2".