

AVON BLUEFRIARS SMALL BOATS HEAD 2024

GENERAL NOTES FOR COMPETITORS

1. **WELFARE:** This race is run in accordance with the British Rowing Safeguarding and Protecting Children Guidance Guidelines for Rowing Competitions (SPCG11). Our Welfare Statement has been sent to all competing clubs.
2. **CANCELLATION:** If we have to cancel we hope to be able to refund most of the entry fee. This will be at the discretion of the Organising Committee. We expect to make a clear decision to run or cancel by Thursday 12 noon and will display this on our website as soon as possible. However, conditions on our river can improve or deteriorate in just a few hours. Should conditions on Thursday be borderline we will explain the situation on our website, so clubs travelling from afar can decide whether to travel. Any refund of entry fees will be at the discretion of the committee.
3. **KIT** Please ensure that you and/or any crews you are coaching are wearing kit appropriate for the weather conditions on the day. You are strongly advised not to wear wellingtons on the boat launching pontoons. Wellingtons may be useful elsewhere particularly on the towpath which is often muddy.
4. **PARKING - Boats and trailers** The field on the club land next to the A4 will be reserved for boats and trailers only. **Please note: there is a new entrance gate to the field and the layout inside has been changed. Marshals will tell you where to put your trailer so please follow their instructions.**
5. **PARKING - Private cars** Please do your best to share cars; this event is always busy.
6. **PARKING - Private cars** Please park in the Snake Meadow (**formerly Barnsdale Park**) Field. This is on the A4 through the gate about 100m to the Bath side of the rowing club and will be signposted. It will be open from 0700 and will be closed and locked at 1800. Please ensure that your vehicle is removed before 18:00; otherwise you risk being locked in overnight. Vehicles are parked at the owners' risk; the club does not accept any liability for injury to persons, damage to or loss of property in the use of this facility. If you bring a dog with you, please ensure that any mess is cleared up. When leaving **Snake Meadow** Field, for safety reasons, please turn left; you can turn at a roundabout half a mile away if you need to go in the Bristol direction.
7. **PARKING - Coaches** – Once competitors have been dropped off, please do not leave your coaches parked on the A4. Please make arrangements for your coach drivers to be notified to come and pick up only when competitors are ready to leave.
8. **CHANGING and TOILETS:** No changing facilities are available. Toilets will be provided in the vicinity of Avon County boathouse. NB: There are no showers generally available at the club so bring a change of dry clothing. Anyone who falls into the river will **be advised to take a shower**; the First Aiders will show you where they are.
9. **THE NEAREST HOSPITAL** is the Royal United Hospital which is about 10 mins by car from Saltford. The First Aiders will advise. The phone number of the hospital is 01225 428331 and its address is Combe Park, Bath BA1 3NG.
10. **REGISTRATION:** Will be under the balcony of the Facilities block and will open about one hour before first launch time. Crews are encouraged to register substitutes on BROE before coming to the race, but last-minute subs can be entered by coaches on the day. Each club will receive a bag containing a Start Order and all sets of instructions, paper numbers, Empacher numbers and pins. All crews must wear

paper numbers on the racing kit of both bow and cox and carry Empacher numbers on the bow of the boat. Empacher numbers not returned will be charged at £5 each.

11. **COXES** are reminded that they should meet the minimum weight requirements for the crews they are coxing. Coxes should bring their own deadweights if appropriate and will be weighed at the event. Wristbands will be issued at Registration.

12. **CATERING** We will have a BBQ and a selection of tasty homemade cakes, and hot and cold drinks. Catering opens at 08:00 and closes at 5pm. **We will be taking cash and card payments.**

13. **CANAL & RIVER TRUST** ask that you should be careful of other people using the towpath.

14. **LITTER:** Please take all your litter home.

15. **PRIZES:** There will be no official prize giving after the race. Crews who have won may come to Registration to collect their medals as soon as it is clear that they have won their event; **for 2024 this should be after the end of each division, except for some Masters Crews.** Crews must show racing licences if requested.

16. **DIVISION TIMES AND BOATING TIMES FROM AVON COUNTY** are as below:

(Boating times for each boat from Avon and Minerva are shown on the Start Order)

	Morning		Midday		Afternoon	
	Div 1	Div 2	Div 3	Div 4	Div 5	Div 6
	short	long	short	long	short	long
Launching starts	09:25	09:10	11:50	11:40	14:10	14:00
Last boat on the water from Avon	09:30	09:45	12:00	12:15	14:15	14:30
Race	10:00	10:15	12:30	12:45	14:45	15:00