

## **Avon Bluefriars Small Boats Head 2024 - Information for Spectators**

### **How the races work**

The regatta is divided into three separate sessions. We have tried to allocate the races to sessions in such a way that people are likely to be able to race in more than one session if they want to. For instance, J14 singles are in the afternoon session, J14 doubles at mid-day and J 14 quads in the morning. If you don't know when your child/partner/grandparent is racing, ask at Registration.

Your Club/School Coach will have a draw and race timetable and there is one on the Avon County website [www.avoncountyrowingclub.org.uk](http://www.avoncountyrowingclub.org.uk).

### **Arriving at the event**

Spectators, please park in Snake Meadow ( used to be called Barnsdale Park ) which is just the Bath side of the club and will be signposted. Please park as directed by the marshals on the gate. The main club entrance, signposted "Trailer parking", is not to be used by spectators; is reserved for boat trailers and towing vehicles and one or two others who have special permits and need easy access to their vehicle.

### **The course**

Each racing session has a short division of 1500m for younger juniors and beginner adults and a long division 3250m for older juniors and more experienced adult rowers. The finish for both divisions is about 300 upstream of the rowing club so to walk up the course to see the racing, stand with the clubhouse behind you, and the river in front, turn right and walk through the gate and along the tow path. The first bit of the tow path is likely to be muddy – white trainers not advised but up to you!

First you will come to a group of people doing the finish timing – please don't disturb them if the race is in progress – and then you will be on the course.

Results will be available on [www.webscorer.com/acrc](http://www.webscorer.com/acrc).

### **Catering**

We provide catering at the course: reasonably priced burgers, bacon butties, cakes and hot and cold drinks. Catering is busy between divisions but for spectators a good time to get served is after all the boats are on the water. While they make their way up to the start, you get your coffee and burger and set off up the tow path.

### **Volunteers**

All our events are organised and run by volunteers. Please respect any decisions of our officials & helpers, and follow their instructions when required. They are all doing their best to make it a good day for everyone. We are always happy to receive feedback – positive or negative – please speak to Registration on the day, or send us an email after the event. The Chair of the Organising Committee can be reached on [aplwatson995@gmail.com](mailto:aplwatson995@gmail.com).