



AVON BLUEFRIARS SMALL BOATS HEAD 2023

Under British Rowing Rules
and Rules of Racing and RowSafe



Saturday 7th October 2023 on the River Avon at Saltford

Long course 3250m downstream at 10:30, 12:45 and 15:00
Short course (J14 and below and beginners) 1500m downstream at 10:15,
12:30 and 14:45

Races for adults and juniors:
singles, doubles, pairs, fours and quads

Crews may be divided into bands for prizes, determined by Ranking Points and age categories. Bands will be declared on the draw. Prizes for winners of all contested categories and bands.

Entry fees: £12 per seat, coxes free
Entries: via BROE, payment on-line or by cheque or BACS
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Entries close: Thursday 28th September 2023 at 12:00 noon
Draw details: Posted on the website by Monday 2nd Oct
Emailed out with safety docs and instructions

For further details see www.avoncountyrowingclub.org.uk
The Committee reserves the right to restrict entries for safety reasons

General Notes

Arrangement of Divisions

All categories of boat can be accommodated in each long division. It is possible to double up between all three long divisions although timings will be tight and crews will not be allowed to launch late. We will assume you have chosen your divisions so that doubling up is not a problem for crews or boats.

If, when you go into BROE, the division you wish to enter appears to be closed, this means it has been suspended as it is full or nearly so. Please do not then put your entry into another division and write in the notes that you really wanted to compete in the suspended division, as your entry cannot be accommodated there. If you want to make an entry into a suspended division, please mail philippa.sondheimer@gmail.com with your request including full details of the crews. Such requests will be accommodated if possible.

For the last three years, entries have had to be suspended earlier than the published closing time, while we considered whether any more entries could safely be accommodated.

Divisions - please note (times provisional - might change depending on entry numbers

Division 1 - short course start - 10:15

Division 2 - long course start - 10:30

Division 3 - short course start - 12:30

Division 4 - long course start - 12:45

Division 5 - short course start -14:45

Division 6 - long course start - 15:00

Please make sure you allow plenty of time for travel so you arrive with us in time for your crews to boat on schedule.

Please note that coxes will be weighed and should provide their own deadweights.

Events set up are:

In long divisions 2,4 and 6

- Open, women's and mixed senior coxed fours, coxless fours, coxless quads, pairs, doubles and Open and Women's singles.
- Open, women's and mixed coxed quads for Low CRI crews.
- Open, women's and mixed J16 coxed quads for Low CRI crews.
- Open, Women's and Mixed Masters A to H coxed fours, coxless fours, coxless quads, pairs, doubles and Open and Women's singles.
- Open and women's junior fours, coxless quads, pairs, doubles and singles, for J15 and above.
- Open and women's coxed quads for J15

In short divisions 1,3 and 5

- Open, women's and mixed low CRI senior coxed quads, coxed fours and doubles for novice crews. Event open to beginner masters.
- Open and women's Low CRI singles.
- Beginner J15 singles, doubles and coxed quads. This is for less experienced crews and a low ranking index is expected. Crews with too high a ranking (compared to the other crews) will be moved to the long course.
- J14, J13, J12 and J11 coxed quads, doubles and singles, open and women's. A J14 crew wanting to do the long course must be eligible to enter as J15.

For J11, J12 and J13 events

- Please note that if we get competition in OJ13, WJ13, OJ12, WJ12, OJ11 and WJ11 we will separate out the events, otherwise we will make them respectively OJ13, OJ12 and OJ11.

Prizes and categories 2023

- Senior, Masters and Junior Crews may be divided into bands within their age band and boat category, according to the numbers of crews entered and the spread of ranking points.

- Prizes are awarded across the whole Head Race, not by division.
- Prize for the Head of the River (on non-handicapped times).
- Prizes for any contested category or band (2 to race) e.g. OJ 16 1x, women's fours (band X), Masters C 2x etc
- Prizes for masters: Masters' handicaps will be applied by boat type, using the time of the winning senior boat of the appropriate type in the Head as the basis for the handicaps. Where different age categories are competing in the same boat type, the fastest masters' boat in each boat type after handicap will get a prize, unless it won a contested race within its own masters' category.

Notes on prizes and categories

"Boat type" means coxed four, coxless four, coxed quad, coxless quad, pair, double, single and is applied separately for open, women and mixed..

If scratches on the day mean that a category becomes uncontested, the remaining boat in that category will also be bumped up one category without consultation.

Competitors cannot race twice in the same event. If some or all competitors in a crew wish to race twice in the same event, they can only do so if the event is banded and they race in two different bands.

Any queries, phone 07889 750 545 or email philippa.sondheimer@gmail.com