

# AVON AUTUMN BIG 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 on the morning of **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November** 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 Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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. TRAVEL - Private cars.** Please do your best to share cars; this event is always busy.
- 6. PARKING - Private cars.** Please park in **Snake Meadow** (formerly names Barnsdale 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 07:30 and will be closed and locked at 16:00. Please ensure that your vehicle is removed before 16:00, 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, or damage to or loss of property in the use of this facility. When leaving **Snake Meadow**, for safety reasons turn left: you can turn at a roundabout half a mile away if you need to go in the direction of Bristol.
- 7. DOGS.** If you bring a dog with you, please keep them on leads and ensure that any mess is cleared up.
- 8. PARKING – Coaches.** Once competitors have been dropped off, please park coaches either in the lay-by on the A4 or in Pixash Lane. Please make arrangements for your coach drivers to be notified to come and pick up only when competitors are ready to leave.
- 9. 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 offered access to showers; the First Aiders will show you where they are.
- 10. 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.
- 11. REGISTRATION.** Will be under the balcony of the Facilities block and will open at 08:25, one hour before first launch. Crews are encouraged to register substitutes on BROE before coming to the race but last-minute subs can be made by coaches on the day. Each club will receive a bag containing a Start Order with launch times, 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.
- 12. 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, and will detail the amount of deadweight to be carried, if necessary.

**13. CATERING.** We will have hot food and our usual splendid cakes, all at very reasonable prices so you don't need to bring a picnic! Catering opens at 08:30 and closes at 16:00. **We will be taking cash and card payments.**

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

**15. LITTER.** Please take all of your litter home with you.

**16. PRIZES.** There will be no official prize giving after the race. Winning crews should come to Registration to collect their medals as soon as it is clear that they have won their event which should be at the end of each division except for some mixed crews. Crew members must show their racing licence if requested.

**17. EXPECTED DIVISION TIMES** are as below:

	<b>Morning</b>		<b>Afternoon</b>	
	<b>Division 1 - Short</b>	<b>Division 2 - Long</b>	<b>Division 3 - Short</b>	<b>Division 4- Long</b>
<b>Launching Starts</b>	10:00	09:20	13:00	12:25
<b>Last Boat on the Water</b>	10:10	10:15	13:10	13:15
<b>Race</b>	10:30	10:45	13:30	13:45