

Bridgnorth Fun Regatta 2017



Please ensure that all competitors have read the attached or are made aware of it.

Dear Competitors,

Thank you for participating in the Bridgnorth Rowing Club's Fun Regatta 2017 - your support is much appreciated. We hope to provide you all with a fantastic days racing!

The draw for this year's event will be published on our website (www.bridgnorthrc.co.uk) during week commencing 17th April, and will also be emailed to each crew contact. Please keep an eye out for this, as it will provide information about your race times.

The regatta will run between approximately 10:30am and 3pm. After racing has finished there will be a presentation ceremony at 3:30pm in the club bar, so regardless of whether or not you are a winner please stay to congratulate those who are.

In the meantime all competitors should make themselves familiar with the instructions below:

Events

During the course of the race day we will be running separate events for the Men's and Mixed crews, culminating in the Grand Final. The events will run as outlined below (excepting any alterations when the draw is made, in which case crews will be notified when the draw is published)...

Men's Event:

Crews in this event will be split into two groups – these two groups will compete in a round robin format taking it in turns to race against each other. The crew with the most wins in each group will progress to the Grand Final for race off to decide the overall winner of the Men's event.

In the event of two or more crews being tied on the number of wins, then out of these crews the one with the best head to head results will progress to the Grand Final. If a winner cannot be decided on head to head results then a race off will be held.

Mixed Event:

The crews in this event will race in a round robin format taking it in turns to race against each other. The crew with the most wins will be declared the winner of the Mixed event, and also progress to the Grand Final.

In the event of two or more crews being tied on the number of wins, then out of these crews the one with the best head to head results will be the winner. If a winner cannot be decided on head to head results then a race off will be held.

The Grand Final:

Firstly the two winners of the Men's groups will race off to decide the overall winner of the Men's event.

Finally, for the thrilling climax to the day the winners of the Men's event and the winners of the Mixed Event will race against each other to determine which crew will be crowned overall winner of the Fun Regatta 2017!

Please note that in order to keep to our race schedule it is essential that crews are ready to race at the times shown in the draw. Any crews who are not available risk disqualification. Please see point 4 of the 'Instructions to Competitors' page for clarification on this.

What else is happening?

In addition to the racing we will be offering some off the water competition including an ergo challenge to see who can row the fastest over 500m. We will be serving hot and cold food all day starting with pre-race breakfasts, followed by a BBQ. Our club bar will be open all day serving a good range of alcoholic and non-alcoholic refreshments.

In the evening our club bar will remain open until late, so please stay to enjoy a drink with your coaches and the rest of Bridgnorth Rowing Club.

Finally, please bring along as many supporters as you can to help cheer your crew on. Family, friends and colleagues are all welcome...make your crew the one with the loudest cheer!

Thank you again for your support and we hope that you all have an enjoyable day.

Good luck from all at Bridgnorth Rowing Club!

Instructions to Competitors

Bridgnorth Fun Regatta is run in accordance with British Rowing's Rules of Racing and British Rowing's Row Safe Guide.

1. The competition will take place over a course of approximately 500m.
2. All coxes will be provided by Bridgnorth Rowing Club.
NB. You will not be guaranteed your coach to cox your crew on race day as all coxes will be assigned randomly. However, all coxes supplied will be aiming to push you all the way to victory!
3. Crews must report to Race Control on arrival (around 40 minutes before your first race time), situated on the club balcony, to collect race numbers. The numbers are to be worn on the back of the rower in the bow seat and are to be clearly visible.
4. Competitors will be called to a holding area about 30 minutes before their race time, indicated within the draw. These race times are the time when the crew needs to be on the start and ready to race; so it is essential that you are ready 30 minutes before to give you adequate time to reach the start. Once a crew is required to make their way onto the landing stage for boating they will be called by the marshals. If a crew is not ready in time or can not be found at the time required for boating then they risk being disqualified.
5. The **first named crew** in the draw will race on the **high town side** of the course, i.e. the side opposite the Rowing Club.
6. The Landing Stage area will be out of bounds during the day to people other than Fun Regatta marshals and competitors who have been called down for racing. This is to ensure the safety of everyone during the day. Competitors and spectators will be free to sit and watch from the landing stage steps.
7. On the day the rowing club car park will not be in use. Any competitors wishing to park will be able to use the public car parks on the Severn Park. Severn Park is a Pay and Display car park, and the regatta committee will accept no responsibility for any car parking fines incurred.
8. Trophies will be presented to the event winners in the presentation ceremony, held at around 3:30pm in the bar.
9. Competitors must comply with all instructions issued by umpires, marshals or safety officials positioned along the course, and treat all officials with respect. Any abusive language, gestures or inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated. Failure to comply with any of this may result in an official warning or disqualification.
10. The regatta committee reserve the right to make such alterations to the program and course as may be considered necessary. All decisions made by the regatta committee shall be final.