

Bridgnorth Regatta 2017



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

Firstly we would like to thank you for your kind support of our event this year; we have again received a fantastic response in the number of entries. Rest assured that we have, where possible, attempted to accommodate everyone who entered. We hope to guarantee a fantastic days racing for all our competitors.

How it will run.

In view of the response in entries we have again received this year we plan to run the event in the same format as previous years (outlined below), in order to accommodate as many crews as possible. This meaning each competitor will have a minimum of 2 races per event.

Most important of all is that competitors are at boat marshaling at least 30 minutes before their first race in their event. This time will be indicated within the draw.

In view of the tight schedule any crews that are late risk disqualification.

The events will be run in one of the three formats outlines below:

Format A: In smaller events (up to 4 crews), each crew will race two others. The crew with the most wins will win the event.

Format B: In larger events (5-8 crews), the event will be divided into two groups. Crews in each group will race each other, as in format A. The winners of each group will face each other in a final.

Format C: In really large events (9 or more crews) we will split the event in half and award pots to the winner of each half. Each event half will run in either format A or B, depending on the number of crews.

In the case where no winner can be decided by number of wins, the crew with the fastest winning time will be declared the winner. Losing times do not count towards deciding the winner; this simplifies working out if your crew has won, and means one bad race has far less impact on the results. All times will be taken over a fixed course distance, allowing for a fair timing system.

NB. It is possible that the winners could be decided on time. So, even if you are winning ensure you put down your fastest time!

Again, we would like to thank you for your kind support, and hope that you all have an enjoyable day.

Regards,

Bridgnorth Rowing Club

Instructions to Competitors

The Regatta is being run in accordance with British Rowing's Rules of Racing and inline with British Rowing's Row Safe Guide.

1. Competitors must report to Registration on arrival, at least 1 hour before their first race. Crew numbers will only be issued after verification of crew composition against entry forms and racing licenses; all substitutions must be notified. Please ensure that the correct number, (and only one number) is on the back of bow person, and that they are clearly visible.
2. Competitors must report to the boat marshalling area **at least thirty minutes before their first race in their event**. No doubling up of boats, crews, coxes or equipment is allowed within divisions. Crews must ensure their boats and equipment comply with British Rowing Rules of Racing and Row Safe Guide. Crews will not be permitted to proceed to the boating steps until their boat has been approved by the Control Commission Umpire, they are paired off with their opponents, and have been given permission to progress from the marshals.
3. All coxes must be weighed before racing and given a weight certificate, which must be carried at all times. All weighing in will be done in at the boat marshalling area. Coxes are requested to bring their own dead weights if required, which must comply with British Rowing's Rules of Racing. Checks may be made throughout the day.
4. Correct racing colours must be worn by all crews, and be consistent throughout the crew.
5. Crews will only push off from the landing stage when **authorised** by the landing stage marshals. Crews must then immediately cross the river, ensuring that they do not impede racing crews. Crews will then proceed to the start close to the High Town side of the bank; i.e. opposite the landing stage. Racing crews are reminded to not stray towards to landing stage area when approaching the finish.
6. Practicing on the way up to the start is **not** allowed, and if you do so you may incur an official warning or disqualification. Any crew which impedes a racing crew may be disqualified.
7. Crews must not proceed more than 300 meters above the start. This is a safety requirement as there is no safety cover beyond this point.
8. The **first named crew** will race on the **High Town side** of the course, i.e. the side opposite the Regatta enclosure.
9. Competitors must be at the "free" start five minutes before their race is due to begin.
10. Coaches and spectators must not use bikes to follow racing for safety reasons. No aided coaching (via use of megaphones, radios, etc.) from the bank is allowed at any time.
11. In the case where no winner can be decided by number of wins, the crew with the **fastest winning time** will be declared the winner. All times will be taken over a fixed course distance, allowing for a fair timing system. In the event of a timing system failure the crew with the greatest winning margin will be declared the winner.
12. Trophies may be collected after each division has been concluded, and winners have been verified by registration.
13. The regatta committee reserves the right to make such alterations to the program as may be considered necessary.
14. Competitors must comply with all instructions issued by umpires, marshals or safety officials, and treat all officials with respect. Any abusive language, gestures or behaviour will not be tolerated. Failure to comply with any of this may result in an official warning or automatic disqualification.

All crews are asked to study the map of the course.

Attention is drawn to an area of slack water located in the vicinity of umpire 1. Crews straying off their course may suffer a disadvantage.

**Severn Park car parking charges will apply to all vehicles.
The regatta committee will accept no responsibility for any car parking fines.**

Emergency Instructions for Crews and Officials

All coaches, coxes, steersmen/women and crew members please read this carefully.

This event is being run in accordance with British Rowing's Rules of Racing and inline with British Rowing's Row Safe Guide. It is the responsibility of each club and its members to ensure that the boats and equipment that they use for racing are safe. All coxswains must wear an approved life jacket or buoyancy aid. Coxswains in front loading boats must wear a life jacket which will not inflate or provide buoyancy until the wearer is clear of the boat. Please ensure you are suitably dressed for the prevailing weather and river conditions.

Coaches, please ensure that your crews are competent to race in the conditions on the day i.e. can cope with the weather, water and racing conditions. Be aware that with the nature of the event it may involve crews being held on the water for a long period of time; please ensure your crews are competent to cope with such circumstances.

During the race the whole course and marshalling areas will be in sight of one or more of a number of race marshals and umpires, who are in radio communication with the Safety Adviser and Safety Boats. Should you be unfortunate enough to fall in remember that your boat will float even when it capsizes, so hold onto and stay with it until the Safety Boat arrives.

All competitors must comply with instructions and requests of race marshals and umpires. Failure to do so may lead to crews being issued with an official warning or disqualification.

First aid is located in the vicinity of race control situated on the club car park, contact via race control, or any on duty marshals or umpires.

The safety launches are stationed near either end of the course and can reach any point on the course in less than one minute, contact via race control.

A telephone will be located at registration.

The Club's Event Rowing Safety Adviser is Stan Butler.

In the event that it is necessary to suspend or cancel the regatta due to safety concerns, including, but not limited to, incrementing weather conditions, dangerous river conditions or accidents on or off the water, competitors will be notified by means of the public address system and members of the regatta committee visiting clubs in the trailer park. Umpires will notify those crews already on the water.

If the safety launch is called to an incident, umpires must stop all races and warn crews rowing up to the start that the launch is on its way.

Emergency Contacts

Emergency Services

Tel. **112 or 999**

Bridgnorth Hospital

Northgate
Bridgnorth
Shropshire
WV16 4EU

Tel. **01746 762 641**

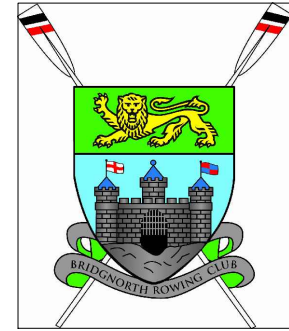
Bridgnorth Police Station

Wenlock Road
Bridgnorth
Shropshire
WV16 5BB

Tel. **101 5309**

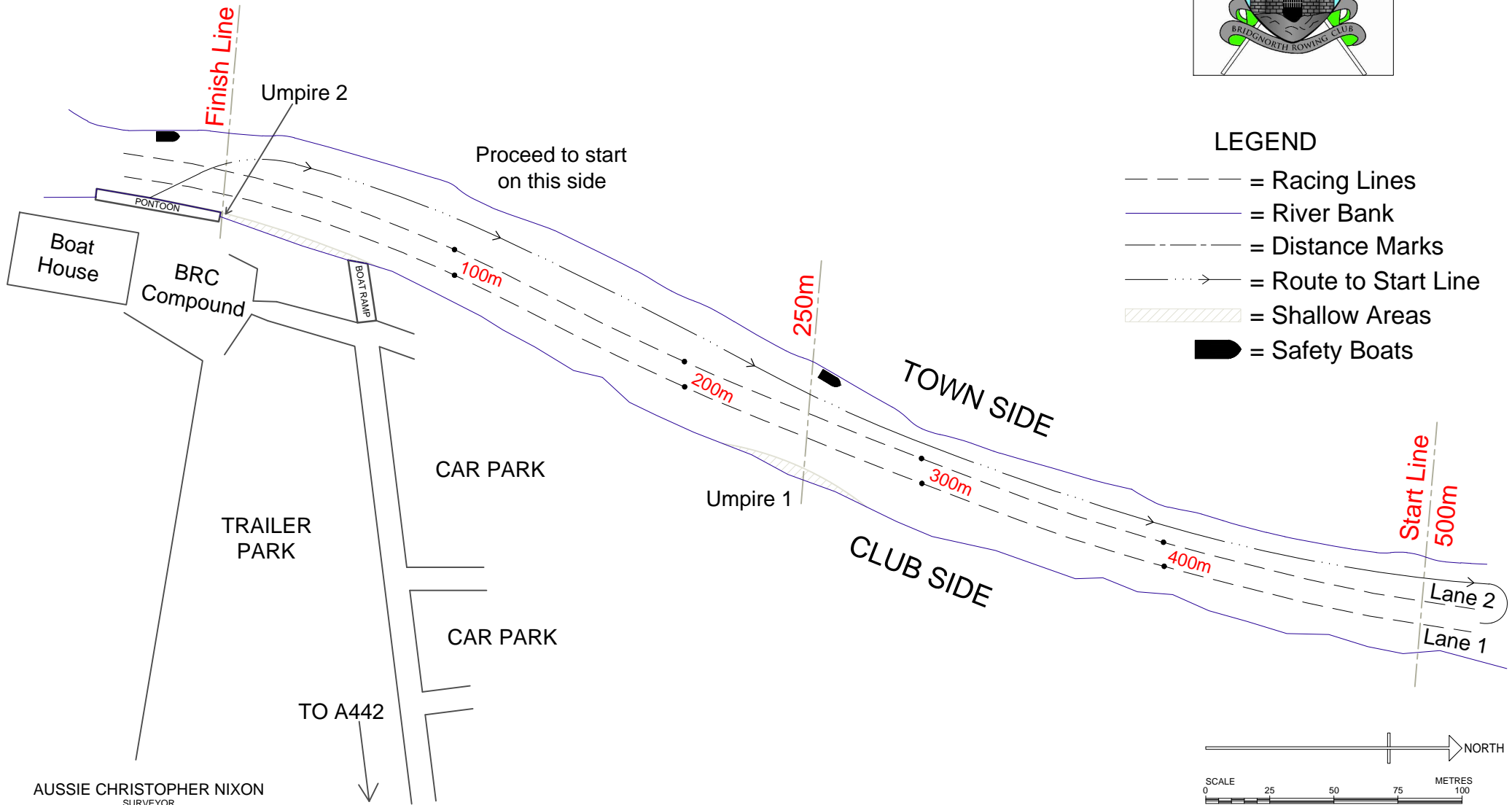
BRIDGNORTH ROWING CLUB

500m REGATTA COURSE MAP



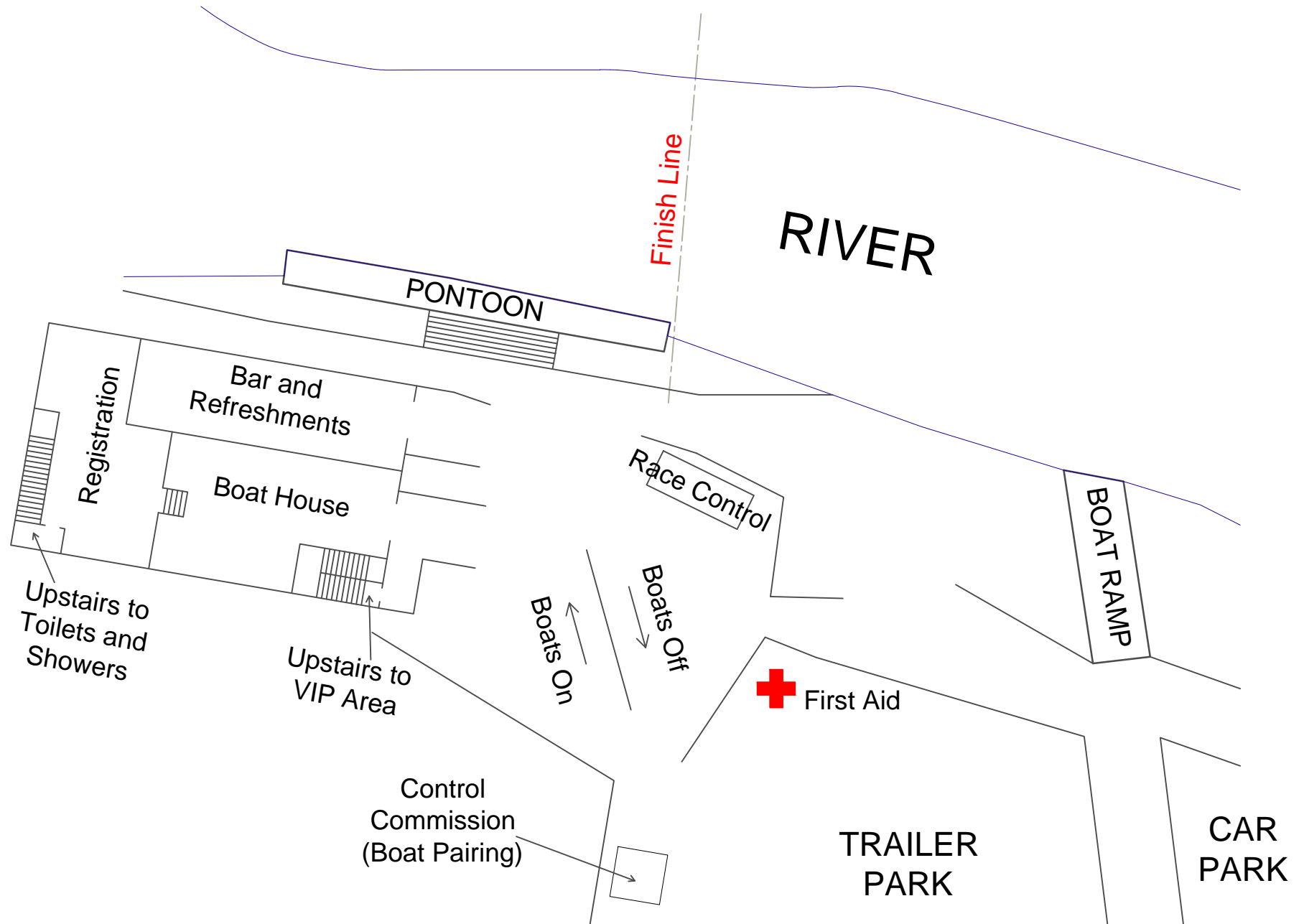
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- = Route to Start Line
- = Shallow Areas
- = Safety Boats



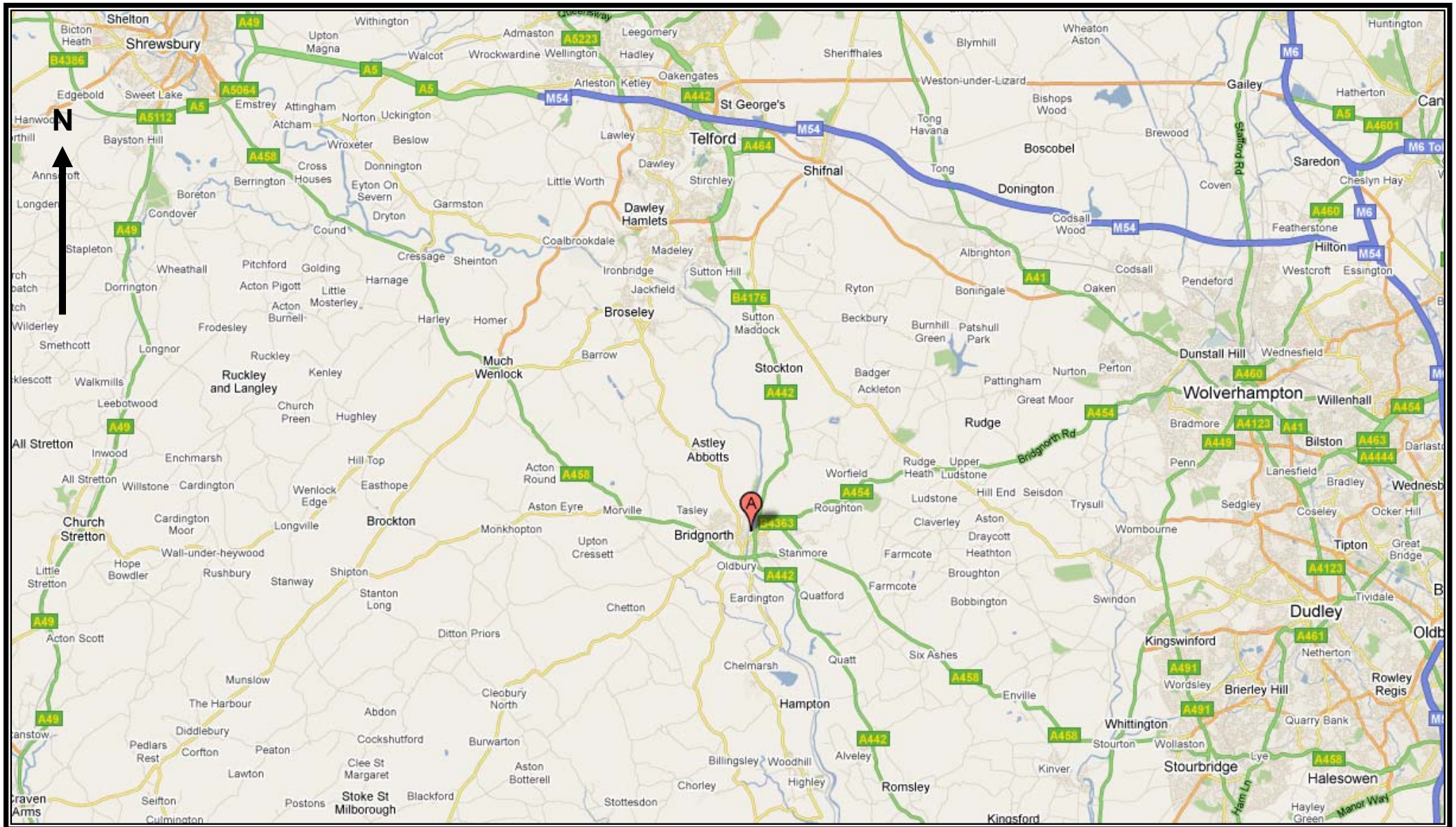
AUSSIE CHRISTOPHER NIXON
SURVEYOR

BRIDGNORTH ROWING CLUB
REGATTA SITE PLAN



FINDING BRIDGNORTH ROWING CLUB

BRIDGNORTH ROWING CLUB, BOAT HOUSE, BANDON LANE, BRIDGNORTH, SHROPSHIRE, WV15 5AD



NOTE: DO NOT ENTER BANDON LANE - INSTEAD ENTER SEVERN PARK ENTRANCE 100 YDS TO THE NORTH ALONG A442

