

67th South Coast Rowing Championship

18th South Coast Junior Rowing Championship

Netley, Southampton

14th September 2024

Club Captains Briefing.

Regatta.

1. Races to go as per the order of events listed in the programme.
2. The Starters boat will be on the offshore side of the course.
3. Start position 1 is nearest the Starters boat.
4. All boats to have racing number as per lane draw.
5. One large yellow inflatable buoy will be positioned behind the start line.
6. Course is parallel to the two metal port buoys (large yellow) on the offshore side of the course.
7. The outside of the finish line is marked by a large wooden triangle pylon (dolphin).
8. The shoreside of the course will be marked by a line of buoys (transit buoys) to separate the racing course from the transit lane.
9. One large inflatable yellow buoy will be positioned behind the finish line.
10. The finish line Judges will sound a horn for all crews crossing the finish line.
11. All crews must follow the instructions received from any Marshall or Regatta Official
12. Crew numbers to be worn on the backs of the bow person and coxswain.

Boat Park.

1. Clubs should keep the central aisle down the middle of the boat park free for the movement of boats to and from the beach.
2. There is one access from the boat park to and from the beach. All crews must use this access.

Boating.

1. Boat Marshalls shall patrol the boat park and remind clubs to get their crews afloat.
2. The earliest crews can boat is 45 minutes before the start of the regatta or race.
3. Do not boat later than 25 minutes before your race.
4. There is a marked exit from the boat park to the beach which all crews must use.
5. All crews going afloat need to report to the Beach Marshall who will record their going afloat and check the boat has been safety inspected.
6. If you crew change on the beach, the new crew will still need to report to the Beach Marshall before going afloat.

Proceeding to Start.

1. There is a one-way circulation pattern in place from the boating area to the start. Crews should proceed to the start keeping close to the line of transit buoys (shoreside of course).
2. If crews must return to the boating area, they should do so on the racing course but keep close to the transit buoys and be aware of and avoid racing crews that may be coming down the course.

Arriving at the Start.

1. All crews must to report immediately to the Race Marshalls boat positioned behind the start line at least 10 minutes before their race.
2. Crews should not row away from race marshalling area covered by the Race Marshalls.

Hazards.

1. There is an area of shallower water off the beach extending towards the transit lane about 800m from the start line. This will be marked by 2 large yellow inflatable buoys. Crews proceeding to the start should stay close to the transit lane buoys.
2. There may be seasonal mooring buoys on the offshore side of the Championship Course at approx. 820m affecting lanes 1 and 2.
3. There is a raised outfall pipe extending from the beach below Netley Sailing Club (NSC). All crews should stop rowing immediately after crossing the line and certainly not row past NSC. This is marked by the large yellow inflatable buoy.

Boat Safety Inspections.

1. All club boats being used in the regatta will need to be inspected prior to going afloat.
2. Boat Inspectors will be moving around the boat park to inspect boats from 0745h.
3. Boats will not be inspected until they are fully rigged for racing.
4. If the boat passes inspection a sticker will be placed around the coxswain’s seat area.
5. Beach Marshalls shall inspect all boats for a safety sticker before they are allowed afloat.

Safety Boats.

* There will be a minimum of two safety boats stationed along the line of the transit buoys in both halves of the courses.

First Aid.

* First Aid is available from a tent adjacent to Regatta Control.

Communications.

* Communications to clubs will be via the P.A. system.

Health and Competency.

* Please ensure all your competitors are fit and well and are rowing competent for the course and conditions.

Refreshments, Toilets and Changing facilities.

* Refreshment stands and toilets are located on the terrace area above the boat park.
* Changing tents are located behind Regatta Control.

General.

* Clubs are reminded that this regatta is taking place in a public area and no area is off limits to the public.
* Members of the public have right of way.
* Please ensure your members always remain courteous to the public.
* Coaches are not permitted to cycle along the park shore road to follow the races.
* Members of Netley Sailing Club are permitted to drive along the path to enter and leave their premises so please keep the path clear at all times.