



# HENLEY OPEN EVENTS 2020 INSTRUCTIONS TO COMPETITORS

**PLEASE ALSO REFER TO THE  
BOATING AREA MAP, MARSHALLING AND COURSE MAPS FOR  
FURTHER INFORMATION**

## 1. Where do I park car and trailer?

This is the HRR Lion Meadow Car Park (by special permission). Charge is **£5** for all cars, including those carrying boats (minibuses/coaches and towing vehicles are exempt). We are limited for space and need to reduce the number of vehicles on the land and also to minimise potential damage. Please arrange to car share if you can. Trailers to be parked on the hard surfaces or as directed. The car park gates will be locked at 5pm on race day.

## 2. What facilities do we have?

Toilets are in the boating area. Competitors must not use any facilities of Leander Club including landing stages, car park and changing facilities. The fenced off area enclosing the Stewards Enclosure is out of bounds.

A refreshments tent will serve hot and cold drinks, bacon sandwiches and cakes, etc. A drinking water tap is available. Please bring your own re-usable bottles.

No gazebos or tents of any sort may be erected on HRR land. Please do not bring private BBQs and cooking facilities.

The First Aid tent is situated next to the Registration tent.

## 3. Where do I get the race number and what do I do with them?

Race numbers will be issued at Crew Registration in the boating area from 75 minutes before the scheduled start of the race. These must be

- fixed to the boat behind bow on both sides of the boat
- pinned to bow's racing top (**note: 2 numbers are provided – one for the racing top and one for the warm up top**). Make sure your number will be visible at the finish.

No number will be issued unless the entry fee has been paid.

All boats being used for racing must have the three letter club code with the three digit fleet number. Boats not correctly displaying the boat code will not be eligible to race

## 4. When do I boat?

Crews should boat promptly from the rafts in accordance with the published boating times (see web site and notice board at Registration). We have 3 rafts available. Blades taken down to the boating area must not be left immediately in front of the rafts; this area should be left clear to enable walk through to the rafts for boating. Please follow the instructions of the raft marshals so that get crews on the water on time.

## 5. Procedure to the Start and Marshalling

- Dress for the conditions: Crews must be appropriately dressed for the weather and allowing for marshalling time. Anyone not suitably dressed will not be allowed to boat.
- Rowing to the start: When turning from the rafts keep a good look out for other crews then cross over the river and proceed to the start on the BUCKS side, keeping to that side of Temple Island. Any boat passing on the BERKS, towpath, side of the Island when going down stream to the start may be penalised. The centre of the river must be kept clear for navigation of non-racing craft.



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Marshalling: Assemble at the start in race order (see Marshalling map). Competitors must be in their marshalling position 10 minutes before the start of the division. All late arrivals will be held above the island and started at the end of that division. Crews must not row at full pressure anywhere in the marshalling area. Failure to observe this instruction will lead to penalties. Crews may only warm up upstream of Temple Island.

### 6. How is the race started?

- Follow the instructions from Marshalls and turn around the last downstream buoy or the Marshal's launch below the Start when told to do so
- On being called to the start keep a distance of two clear lengths between boats. The Starter will say "Number....XX. Go!". Boats will be started at approximately 15 second intervals. The Timing Point is about 25 metres from the Starter.
- Boats must race on the BERKS side of Temple Island. Failure to do this will lead to disqualification.

### 7. What is the overtaking rule?

- Boats being overtaken must give way to the faster crew - the slower crew should move towards the centre of the river.
- Race Monitors stationed along the bank will report any baulking to the Chief Umpire who may decide to impose a time penalty.

### 8. At the finish

- After finishing, boats must continue to move upstream away from the finishing line. Any boat passing the finishing post upstream a second time will be disqualified.
- Cooling down is only permitted above Henley Bridge at your own risk. Safety cover is not provided upstream of the bridge.
- Any crew failing to finish the race must report this to a race official as soon as possible.

### 9. Coaches and cyclists

The towpath is a Public Right of Way. Coaches and supporters must always take care and be courteous to spectators, dog walkers and children in particular. No cycling is allowed from the beginning of the HRR enclosure and along side the boating area up to the bridge.

### 10. Results and Prize Giving

Provisional times will be posted at Race HQ and via the web site during the day. Prizes can be presented after the finish of racing or medals given out at request on confirmed results. All enquiries should be made to the Race Chairman at the Registration tent.

### 11. Liability

The Event Committee accept no liability for damage, loss of property or personal injury caused in connection with the event. In the event of the race being cancelled due to factors beyond its immediate control we are not obliged to provide a full refund.

Please check the boating area before you leave to make sure that you are not leaving behind any equipment eg sculls, shoes, tressles.

### 12. Welfare

A Welfare Officer has been appointed to act as point of contact for any matters relating to the welfare and wellbeing of both competitors and young and vulnerable people attending the event. See Welfare Statement.