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**44th Year - Founded 1971 – 40th Race
Monkton Bluefriars Small Boats Head Race
11 October 2014**

Under BR Rules
Entry list, results, etc., will be posted at
www.bluefriars.org.uk/sbh/
In aid of The Monkton Bluefriars Charitable Trust



Race Date Saturday, 11th October 2014
Entries By BROE. By Thursday, 2nd October 2014 (by 1000) if not closed earlier.
Entries for each division may be closed separately before this time.
Entry Fees By BROE

The race will be held on the usual downstream course of 3300 metres at Saltford, which is on the River Avon between Bath and Bristol.

SMALL Presentation prizes will be awarded in every class in which at least THREE boats start. Competitors must provide their own boats and are responsible for their own accidents.

The Entry Fee is £10 per head.

Note that the number of entries is limited to about 70 per division and that crews for which entry fees have been received will have priority. (COXES FREE - But they must be registered.)

Please note that competitors must be registered with British Rowing.

Competitors may row twice (or even 3 times!), but may not row more than once for the same prize. (e.g. they may double up in J16 and N Sc, or in J16 Sc and J16 4+).

Classes will be split (e.g. Veterans into classes by age) if there is sufficient demand. Classes will be merged if there are insufficient entries. (e.g. if there were two J16 and one J15 4+, the J15 would be moved to J16.)

A short race, 1500m, may be arranged for J14 and below and other inexperienced competitors, if there are sufficient takers. **There is a reduced Entry Fee £8 per head for J13 and younger.**

**** NEW : Adult Novice Beginners who took up rowing less than two years ago are welcome. :** These beginners should enter a Novice event and note 'Beginner' in BROE notes.

J14 competitors should be entered for a short race (Div D). If the coach feels strongly that the long course is more suitable for a particular crew, make a note with the entry and contact the Secretary by email.

In the event of FLOODING or fast stream, the Secretary will inform competitors of restrictions (eg events cancelled for competitors with less than 3 years experience) or new arrangements for the race, provided a telephone number is given with the Entries.

You are strongly advised to enter early.

Race details will be posted at www.bluefriars.org.uk/sbh

Insurance

British rowing insurance is only valid for UK residents defined in the standard way as resident in the country for more than six months in a year. Overseas competitors must be adequately insured.

TIMES OF divisions will be based on what happened last year. However we plan to start Division E 30 minutes earlier to accommodate the requests made after last year's race.

Div	Launch	Start	Finish	Boats Ent Raced	Off River
Long A	0910-0935	1010-1040	1025-1100	57	51 1030-1115
Short B	no race				
Long C	1115-1150	1220-1255	1235-1310	66	62 1240-1325
Short D	1315-1320	1400-1410	1405-1415	9	9 1410-1430
Long E	1500-1520	1540-1600	1550-1615	40	38 1555-1630

A long gap has been built in between divisions C and E, because a large number of crews is expected to double up between these two divisions. This timetable worked well last year.

To help with the construction of a good starting order, Entries Secretaries are asked to indicate the expected performance of each crew within the category entered – Fast, Medium or Slow. Do this by entering F, M, or S in the competitor note field on the BROE entries page for the crew. Other comments may be included after a space after this.

This will enable us, as last year, to start crews in a sensible order, with a starting gap of about 20 seconds instead of the (too big) 45 to 50 second interval that we had in earlier years.

Entries for crews for which this information is not included will normally be started in a random order at the end of the division.

The BROE system MUST be used to make ALL substitutions and changes and it will be left open for such changes after entries are closed, if possible by 3am on Thursday 9th October so that accurate lists can be prepared later that morning.

It is expected that BROE will be available at registration until 13:00, for entry secretaries to use online, if there is a need to make unavoidably late changes and substitutions.

If, at the discretion of the secretary, an entry or substitution is accepted which is contrary to BROE rules the crew involved will become an unofficial entry and will be timed only.

There will be a limit of about 70 boats in each division. All classes of boats may compete in any of the divisions, and the choice of which division to compete in will be left to the club secretary making the entries. Entries will be made via the British Rowing online entry scheme, and entries for each division will close separately when they are full.