

Monkton Bluefriars Small Boats Head Race
13th October 2018 under British Rowing Rules
48th Year - Founded 1971 – 44th Race

Invitation to Enter

Contact Details

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Before

Race details will be posted at www.bluefriars.org.uk/sbh/2018

Entry list, results, etc., will be posted at: www.bluefriars.org.uk/sbh/2018

Entries

You are strongly advised to enter early. Entries by BROE2 only.

For help supplied by British Rowing see <http://www.bluefriars.org.uk/sbh/2018>

Entries close date: Thursday 4th October 2018 at 10am. Entries for each division may be closed separately before this time.

Entry fee: £10 per head (coxes free). There is a reduced entry fee of £8 per head for J13 and younger.

The race will be held on the usual downstream 3,300m course on the River Avon at Saltford, which is between Bath and Bristol.

Small Presentation prizes will be awarded in every event in which at least THREE boats start.

Competitors must provide their own boats and are responsible for their own accidents. 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.

Competitors may row twice (or even 3 times!), subject to BROE2 rules for entries.

Events will be split (e.g. Open split into beginners and experienced) if there is sufficient demand.

Events 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).

Crews J14 or younger

Short races will be arranged for J14 and below and other inexperienced competitors, if there are sufficient takers. J14 competitors should be entered for a short race (Div B and/or 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 Entries Secretary by email.

The short race will be in the same format as last year (please see below).

Adult Novice Beginners who took up rowing less than two years ago are welcome. It is expected that they will be in a beginners band.

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In the event of FLOODING or fast stream, the Secretary will inform competitors of restrictions (e.g. events canceled for competitors with less than 3 years experience) or new arrangements for the race. We will use the phone number you provide via BROE2 with the Entries.

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.

The short course

The format of the short course races will be the same as that introduced in 2015. There will be two races over the short course, to give competitors as much racing as possible. Each race will consist of upstream and downstream segments between the traditional finish and the top of the long straight (about 1100m each way). This will reduce the time that the race occupies the river. For further details see www.bluefriars.org.uk/sbh

Crews may race in both Division B and Division D. As it is not practical for young competitors to compete in more than one class, the usual rule that crews may not race for the same prize more than once is relaxed. If a crew does race in both divisions for the same prize, the average of the four times recorded will be used. This will encourage crews to race as fast as possible in all segments.

Timetable

Division	Launch	Short Race Up	Long Race Start	Short Race Down	Long Finish	Off River
Long A	09:10-09:35		10:10-10:40		10:25-11:00	10:30-11:15
Short B	11:45-11:55	11:55-12:10		12:15-12:30		12:20-12:35
Long C	11:15-11:50		12:20-12:55		12:35-13:10	12:40-13:25
Short D	14:45-14:55	14:55-15:10		15:15-15:30		15:20-15:40
Long E	14:30-14:50		15:20-15:45		15:35-16:00	15:45-16:30

To help with the construction of a good starting order, we are intending to start in Ranking Point order, where possible. However, beginners in particular, may well have the same Ranking Points so Entries Secretaries are asked to indicate the expected performance of each crew within a small range of their Ranking Points – 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 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 has been the norm. Entries for crews for which this information is not included will normally be started in a random order at the end of the class or division.

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The BROE2 system MUST be used to make ALL substitutions and changes and it will be left open for such changes after entries are closed. Changes should if possible be made by 23:59 on Wednesday 10th October so that accurate lists can be prepared early the next day.

It is expected that BROE will be available at registration until 13:00 on the day of the race, for entry secretaries to use online, if there is a need to make unavoidably late changes and substitutions, but they are reminded that under British Rowing rules, it is the crew's responsibility to keep us informed of any changes.

If, at the discretion of the Secretary, an entry or substitution is accepted which is contrary to BROE2 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 divisions 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.