

Cambridge Champs Junior Sculling Head

Sunday 23rd March 2014

Competitor Information

Numbers

Numbers will be available at Clare boathouse for Cam crews and for crews boating from Emmanuel, Pembroke, and Girton boat houses from 9.00am. Numbers will be at Combined Boat Houses for crews boating from Combined BH.

Two numbers will be issued per boat for coxed quads - 1 for the Cox and 1 for the Bowman. Numbers MUST be clearly displayed throughout the race (use pins at each corner of the number!). Two numbers will be provided for coxless crews - 1 for top clothes and 1 for racing kit.

Race Regulations

Junior Classification – British Rowing Rules of Racing

1. A junior is a competitor who had not attained eighteen years of age before the first day of September preceding the event (1st September 2013)
2. Coxswains of junior crews must be juniors.
3. J13, J14, J15, J16, J17 and J18 are competitors who have not attained 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 or 18 years of age respectively before the first day of September preceding the event (i.e. 1st September 2013).

J13 competitors have dates of birth between 1/9/2000 - 31/8/2001; school year 8

J14 competitors have dates of birth between 1/9/99 - 31/8/2000; school year 9

J15 competitors have dates of birth between 1/9/98 - 31/8/99; school year 10

J16 competitors have dates of birth between 1/9/97 - 31/8/98; school year 11

J17 competitors have dates of birth between 1/9/96 - 31/8/97; school year 12

J18 competitors have dates of birth between 1/9/95 - 31/8/96; school year 13

4. Juniors in J14, WJ14 or younger age groups are not permitted to race in events that are more than one age group category above their own age category (coxswains excepted).

Where there are insufficient entries, you will be entered in the next highest age category unless you state otherwise with your entry – please specify an alternative event, if possible.

We recommend that where possible single sculls and double sculls (particularly J16-18) select divisions 1 & 2 as below; all quads select any division (but preference for divisions 2 and 3). These are recommendations and are not obligatory, in order to provide competing clubs with complete flexibility for boat sharing etc. but also giving the opportunity to compete in similar conditions with your opposition.

Division 1 Men's 1X & Women's 2X

Division 2 Men's 2X & Women's 1X

Start

The race will commence with a rolling start on the Plough reach (near The Plough pub lawns).

The Plough, Green End, Fen Ditton, Cambridge CB5 8SX.

Crews will be started at approximately 30 second intervals. Timing will commence as the bow ball passes under the bunting approximately 40 metres upstream.

The Course

The course runs upstream from the Plough Reach, around the bend at Ditton Corner, up Long Reach, under the railway bridge and finishes at the garden boundary of the Penny Ferry. See map.

There are footbridges that cross the Cam at the bottom of Manhattan Drive (Cutter Ferry Bridge), St Andrews Road (Riverside bridge/ white cycle bridge) and at Water Lane (Green Dragon Bridge) which allow bank party visibility from opposite Churchill to near the finish. (The only section with no towpath is from the Green Dragon Bridge to the Penny Ferry pub. These sections are connected by access along Water Street (approx. 300 metres).

Note for 2014: The Green Dragon footbridge is closed for repairs/ painting. Cycles and pedestrians can cross to the Stourbridge Common side of the river using the Riverside bridge/ white cycle bridge about 500 m upstream. We recommend that clubs use two bank parties for young/ inexperienced scullers, one on the Stourbridge Common side of the river (with access along the bank from the upstream boat houses to the finish), and one on the towpath side of the river (with access from the finish to the start of the course). Please see maps.

Finish

The finish is at the fencing/garden boundary of the old Penny Ferry (110 Water Street, Cambridge CB4 1PA formerly the Pike & Eel) pub in Chesterton. The finish timing will be recorded as the bow ball passes under the bunting. All crews must keep rowing after the finish, until they have passed under the Green Dragon Bridge, to prevent the river becoming blocked for following crews.

Note for 2014: Due to construction work, the course will be shortened approximately 50 metres, with the finish near the start of the towpath.

Marshalling

PLEASE NOTE – there is restricted access to the river, and a number of moored houseboats, between Combined Colleges Boathouse and the edge of Stourbridge Common (adjacent to Riverside – there is a high concrete wall abutting the roadside). Please take extra care when rowing through this section (approximately 300 metres) until clear of the Green Dragon Bridge.

Crews should have passed the Green Dragon Bridge 30 minutes before their division is due to start. If you are late you risk being turned back. All competitors must proceed directly to the start, and not spin to practice. The designated point to spin is near Bovis Bridge. Please follow marshal instructions.

Crews should then pull in along the bank on the towpath side of the river (between the Gut and Bovis Bridge). There will be marshalling numbers sequentially posted along the bank.

Please be considerate and be aware of other river users at all times but particularly at the crossover points. Competitors and bank parties are reminded of the need for courtesy to other river users, including walkers and anglers.

Overtaking

Crews must overtake on the outside (i.e. the side farthest from the towpath).

If being overtaken it is your responsibility to move out of the racing line, and keep sufficiently to one side to ensure that you do not hinder or impede the progress of the overtaking boat.

If you are the overtaking boat make sure that the boat in front is aware in good time that you are coming up behind them by calling to them. Pass carefully and safely.

Results

There will be other judged special prizes for style and cornering at Ditton.

Category winners will be awarded event engraved medals.

The results will be available at the Combined Colleges compound as soon as possible after the race.

Please do not interrupt the results coordinators, as this will only delay the results!

Results will be posted on the Champion of the Thames website

(<http://www.championrowing.org.uk>). They will also be emailed to all clubs during the week following the race.

We plan to take photos of all crews which will be posted on the gallery section of the Champs website. You will then be able to download the photos, for which there will be no charge.

All competitors representing British Rowing affiliated Clubs must be registered competition members of British Rowing and must bring their racing licence with them. Failure to produce a valid racing licence upon request may result in no prize being presented.

While you wait for your results please ensure you have brought some cash to enjoy homemade cakes.

Thank you for your entry.