Cambridge Champs Junior Sculling Head Saturday 19 March 2022

Dear Competitor,

Thank you for your entry to the Cambridge Champs Junior Sculling Head

Please find attached

- Safety Plan (which includes a map of the course and location maps)
- Competitor Information
- Welfare Statement

Please ensure that your competing crews and coxes read and understand the Safety Plan and Competitor Information.

All non-Cambridge clubs must have previously attained permission to boat so from a local club and have informed Geraint Wyn Story (event secretary) of their host club so our marshals and Umpires know where to expect you to boat from.

Weather Forecast

All juniors racing must be properly dressed to marshal in cold weather, this is particularly true for the younger competitors who will race lower down the divisions. This includes hats, gloves and additional warm layers — bank parties must be prepared to carry these layers as sculls have limited storage space for kit. The organising committee recommend that bank parties carry space blankets for use whilst marshalling. I would like to remind you that inapproprately dressed competitors will be prevented from progressing to the start until they are deemed to be dressed to be able to stay warm during cold weather marshaling.

We are expecting fair weather this year but please ensure that your crews are of sufficient experience to be able to deal with the conditions on the day. The Race Committee will review the weather forecast on Thursday before the event and will communicate with entrants the result of the discussions that may put the event in doubt. In the event of high wind/strong stream forecast, we may cancel events. If an event is still taking place but you would like to scratch your crew as you feel they are insufficiently experienced to cope with the conditions, full refunds will be issued. Please inform the event secretary of your decision before the division start via race control (or by email if you chose not to travel to Cambridge).

Warm showers are available at all boating locations in case of capsize.

Lateral Flow Tests

We strongly suggest that everyone attending this event takes a COVID-19 lateral flow test within 24h before the event. Anyone with a positive result or showing symptoms of COVD-19 should not attend. Refunds will be given for any crew that has to scratch due to COVID-19.

To find your boating area:

Emmanuel College Boathouse Downing College Boathouse, Clare College Boathouse and Pembroke College Boathouse are found at the bottom of Manhattan Drive. From the Elizabeth Way roundabout, take Chesterton Road, turn left into De Freville Avenue and take the fourth left into Aylestone Road. Continue to the end and turn right onto Belvoir Road. Follow this road around 2 sharp corners. Ahead of you will be Cutter Ferry footbridge and to the left of this is the Emmanuel College Boathouse gate through which Downing College Boathouse can also be accessed. To the right is Pembroke and then Clare. Please DO NOT park or drive trailers across the grass at any of these boathouses. The grassy areas can be used for rigging, boat storage and picnicing throughout the day. Please make sure that trailers and cars do not block access to the road behind the boathouses. We encourage cars and trailers to be parked on the streets around the boathouses rather than in the compounds as space is limited. Aylestone Road is a popular location for trailer parking. Marshals will be on site to help you. Car parking is free and unrestricted on Sundays.

The Logans Way Boathouse Compound will be open to visiting crews from 8:30am and is found at the bottom of Logans Way. From the Elizabeth Way roundabout, take High Street (Chesterton). Just beyond the bus shelter, turn right onto Church Street and follow this road around a corner past the old Pye factory. Turn left onto Logans Way. The boathouse compound is accessed through the green gate at the end of the road. Trailers can be driven into the compound and parked in the allocated trailer parking with the help of Champs marshals who will guide you. Once full, trailers can also be parked on Logans Way close to the compound. Cars must not remain in the compound – please uncouple your trailer and park your car on Logans Way or the surrounding streets.

The CRA Boathouse on this site is also the site of race control where a Champs representative can be found throughout the day from 8:30am. Race numbers will be available for collection from 8:45am.

If you have any queries, please telephone me any evening this week between 18.00 and 22.00, or email me and I will aim to respond by 20.00.

Yours sincerely

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