

# Cambridge Champs Junior Sculling Head

## Saturday 16 March 2024

Dear Competitor,

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

Please find accompanying this letter:

- 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 from a local club and have informed the Event Secretary of the host club so our Marshals and Umpires know where to expect you to boat from.

### **Weather conditions on the day and the 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. We recommend that bank parties carry space blankets for use whilst marshalling.

Please note that inappropriately 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 marshalling.

The Race Committee will review the weather forecast on **Thursday** and will communicate with entrants the result of the discussions if it may put the event in doubt (eg. high winds/or strong stream forecast).

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 starts via race control (or by email if you choose not to travel to Cambridge).

### **To find your boating area:**

**Combined Colleges Boat Houses** on the Logans Way Compound will be open to visiting crews from 8:30am and is found at the bottom of Logans Way. [Google Map link](#). Postcode CB41BL. From the Elizabeth Way roundabout, take High Street (Chesterton). Just beyond the bus shelter on your right, take the turn right onto Church Street and follow this road past St Andrew's Church around a corner past the offices on your left. Turn left onto Logans Way.

**For trailer drivers only** 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. You are then expected to unload your boats and take your trailer out of the compound and park on the nearby streets. There is not space for clubs to leave their trailers in the compound.

Cars **must not remain in the compound**. There will be a small amount of car parking spaces available in the Chesterton Bowls Club next door on Logans Way.

We respectfully ask that parents/spectators cars are parked away from the Combined Colleges Boathouse compound and Logans Way so we can prioritise the parking of boat trailers near to the boat house.

**Emmanuel College Boat House** is found at the bottom of Manhattan Drive. [Google Map link](#). Postcode CB41JR. From the Elizabeth Way roundabout, take Chesterton Road, turn left into DeFreville 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. 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 compound as space is limited. It is assumed that clubs rowing from Emmanuel have made arrangements with the Emmanuel boatman for gate access and any boathouse access on the day. Parking is restricted to residents 9am-5pm in the immediate area of the boathouse so parents, carers, supporters are advised to park near to the race finish on Fen Road or the Logan's Way area.

### **Race Control and numbers**

Race Control will be at the CRA Boathouse which is also on the Combined Colleges Boat House compound on Logan's Way (see directions above). A Champion of the Thames representative can be found throughout the day from 8:30am.

Race numbers will be available for collection there from 8:45am.

### **Parking for spectators viewing the racing**

For parents/spectators etc. please note that as parking is extremely limited by the boathouses used by the visiting clubs, it is far better to park near to the river racing course. There is a long stay car park at Cambridge North Train Station which is no more than a 10 minute walk to the river-you arrive close to the finish and can then choose where to watch from the towpath. [Cambridge North \(Greater Anglia\) \(ncp.co.uk\)](http://ncp.co.uk)

Alternatively, parking along Fen Road, which runs parallel to the river (and last 500 metres of the racecourse). If you park on Fen Road or its side streets do take account of the local residents please.

Walking from either Combined or Emmanuel Boathouses is a good 30-45 minutes and in any case it is much harder to find any parking at these locations.

### **Nearby refreshments and facilities to the racing course**

The Green Dragon Pub, Water Street  
Mikey's Food Box, Chesterton High Street (8am-2pm)  
Tesco's Chesterton High Street  
The Haymakers Pub, Chesterton High Street

Unfortunately there are no public toilets on the course site (except for the competitors who can use the boathouse).

If you have any queries in the week ahead please email me as I will be reviewing emails at least once a day.

Many thanks,

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