

General Information

- Crews should collect their race numbers any time after 8:30am from Race Control at the Cambridgeshire Rowing Association (CRA) Boathouse on Kimberley Road.
- Please be aware that there are Residents Parking restrictions on the roads behind the CRA boathouse. Some parking bays allow 2-4h parking. Parking is free before 9am and after 5pm on Saturdays. It is possible to find parking in nearby streets but free spaces are limited and you may have to walk some distance.
- Crews wishing to use facilities at any other boathouse along the river should secure permission from the host club.
- The races will be processional.
- The course will be from the A14 road bridge, upstream to the post by the Green Dragon Footbridge
- Divisions start at 10:00, 11:30, 13:00, 14:30
- Changes of either status or event will be accommodated if possible. Any changes must be cleared at Race Control before the race. Any crew found racing with the incorrect status or in the wrong event may be disqualified.
- In the event of cancellation of the race ahead of Race Day for whatever reason, the race committee will contact all the club contacts which were provided with entries, and will post a notice on social media and on the website. RRBC cannot undertake to refund fees in full but will aim to refund at least part of those fees.
- Prizes will be presented to the fastest crew in each event, so long as there are more than 3 crew entered and 2 crews rowing in that event.
- Prizes will be presented at the 'Old' CRA boathouse, Kimberley Road, as soon as possible after the end of the day's racing.

Boating & Timing Information

- All crews must make their own way to the start.
- Guide times and various cut off times for crews making their way to the start are detailed below for each Division.
- The Finish Marshals may prevent any crew from proceeding to the start after the relevant cut off time.
- The Start Marshals may prevent any crew from racing or award time penalties if it fails to arrive prior to the relevant cut off time.
- Time penalties will be awarded at the rate of 5 seconds per minute late for the first 5 minutes and then at the rate of 30 seconds thereafter.
- While rowing to and from the race, please be considerate of other river users in any way possible.

Cut Off Times

Division 1

- NB: DIVISION 1 HAS CUT-OFF TIMES THAT ARE EARLIER THAN OTHER DIVISIONS (to help get the event started on time)
- Allow 60 minutes to get from the boat houses to the start
- Boats must be downstream of the finish at Chesterton Footbridge at least 35 minutes before the start, i.e. 09:25

- Boats must be marshalled below the motorway bridge (A14) 15 minutes before the start, i.e. 09:45.

All Other Divisions

- Allow 50 minutes to get from the boat houses to the start.
- Boats must be downstream of the finish at Chesterton Footbridge **at least** 25 minutes before the start of their Division.
- Boats must be marshalled below the motorway bridge (A14) 10 minutes before the start of their division.

Racing Information

- A map of the course is on the Safety Instructions.
- Marshals' instructions must be followed at all times. Failure to observe any rule or instruction may result in either a time penalty or disqualification.
- All crews **MUST** wear the race number provided, pinned onto the bow person's back, and visible whilst racing.
- Crews without a race number will not be allowed to start.
- If mutually agreed and approved by a start marshal, crews may swap starting positions between themselves, but crews must keep their allocated race numbers.
- Crews will be started at approximately 20/30 sec intervals. All times will be taken when a crew's bow ball crosses the line.
- Any crew about to be overtaken must give way, allowing the overtaking crew the fastest line, which is normally the towpath side. Regardless of the fastest line, once an overtaking crew has committed to a side to overtake on, the slower crew must move away to allow the faster crew through.
- Less experienced crews are encouraged to provide a bank party to help steer a safe course.
- Any disputes or objections must be lodged with the Finish Team within 20 mins of the end of the race. Their decision will be final in all disputes.

Masters Events Handicapping Information

The event will employ the British Rowing Masters handicapping system. Raw (unadjusted) times will be published in provisional results. Adjustments will appear in the final results.

For complete information on Masters' rowing age including age categories, please refer to the British Rowing website.

Results

- The website will publish updates and final results: <http://robroyboatclub.net>
- We hope to publish provisional results as they stand after each division; provisional meaning the results will be unreviewed and will not have any masters' adjustments or time penalties applied. Links will be posted on the website.

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Be safe, good luck, and have a good race!