

NOTICE OF COMPETITION

Pairs Head of the River Race, organised by Barnes Bridge Ladies RC

Sunday 11th October 11.00am, 2020

River Thames, University of London boathouse to London Corinthians Racebox approx. 4.5km

Entries will open on BROE2 by 6pm on Saturday 19th September

Boat types: 2x & 2-

Entry fee £40 per crew

No visiting crews, entries limited to 99, with a minimum 85 crews to run.

The race will be run on a cost neutral basis. Any surplus funds will be donated to the Chiswick RNLI station.

This event will run in accordance with current Government restrictions relating to the spread of COVID-19, and as set out in the latest British Rowing Guidelines 'Coronavirus Advice Returning to Rowing' and subject to our COVID-19 Risk Assessment being reviewed by British Rowing.

All participants must adhere to the Competitors Instructions, and must observe Government restrictions and BR Guidelines, as well as strictly following their Club's COVID-19 measures whilst participating in the event, both on and off the water.

All participants will be asked to complete an online self assessment health declaration 24 hours before taking part in the race. Failure to comply with any of the above will result in exclusion from the event.

Due to Hammersmith Bridge closure eligible entries are limited to Tideway Clubs upstream of Hammersmith Bridge.

Categories offered:

- Junior; 2x & 2-
- Senior: Open, Women; 2x & 2-
- Masters B-K: Open, Women; 2x & 2-
- Mixed and Mixed Masters B-K: 2x

As the race will be run on a cost neutral basis; we will not be giving prizes or holding a prize giving. Winners will be sent electronic Pennants.

Pennant categories will be awarded for Championship and Club.



Once entries are closed we will create the draw applying the following principles:

- Banding by CRI for any category (Senior or Masters) with 10 entries or more, up to a maximum of two pennants awarded per category
- Pennants for categories with five or more entries (Senior or Masters only, at the discretion of the Committee)
- Where there are Masters categories with insufficient entries, age groups will be combined up to a maximum of three age groups to create a pennant winning category, eg Mas G/H/I; these combined masters categories will have handicaps applied and will not be banded by CRI

The point distribution for each band will be available once the draw has been published.

Entry Information

- Entries close at 11pm on Saturday 26th September 2020
- Should the race be oversubscribed we will allocate each Club a proportional number of entries, based on their previous three years entries
- Entries via the BROE system only
- All Entry fees must be paid at the time of Entries close. Payment via BROE
- Entry fee £40 per crew

For general enquiries please email: enquiries-pairshead@bblrc.co.uk

Spectators

Due to current Government legislation relating to the 'rule of six' no Spectators.. We do not encourage people to congregate on bridges, or Start or Finish lines on the public towpath.

Event Information and Rules

- 1. The Pairs Head of the River Race is conducted under the Rules of British Rowing and the British Rowing Rules of Racing and are open to Clubs affiliated to British Rowing
- 2. All crews must boat from their own Club in accordance with their Club's current COVID-19 restrictions
- 3. All competitors must comply with Row Safe: A Guide to Good Practice in Rowing and the Regatta Safety Instructions. Crews must comply with the marshalling plan
- 4. In the event that the race is cancelled for reasons beyond the race organisers control, including Government and British Rowing COVID restrictions, race entry fees will not be refunded



- 5. All entries via the BROE system by the time and date shown on the event poster. The appropriate entry fee must also be paid by the time and date shown on the poster
- 6. A crew that withdraws from an event after entries have closed will still be liable for the entry fee
- 7. Where more than five entries are received Pennants will be awarded
- 8. The Organising Committee does reserve the right to alter the order of categories if necessary
- 9. Where Masters categories are combined the Masters Handicap System will be used in accordance with the Rules of Racing
- 10. Competitor Information will be published on the <u>Pairs Head website</u> by Tuesday 6th October
- 11. The decision of the Chief Umpire any aspect of the race operation will be final FAILURE OF COMPETITORS TO COMPLY WITH THESE RULES MAY LEAD TO THEIR DISQUALIFICATION
- 12. INSURANCE: Note that your BR membership insurance is only valid for UK residents who are resident in this country for more than six months in a year

Photography

- Competitors and those responsible for them should be aware that other, nonofficial photographers might operate at sporting events and the subsequent photographs or videos may be freely used in print, digital media or elsewhere, over which the Organising Committee has no control
- 2. Coaches and competitors agree that by entering crews they have made the crew members and their parents/guardians (where in loco parentis) aware that non-official photographs may operation at sporting events