

UBBC Head Competitor Instructions 2011

(revised 15/11/11)

Timetable:

0700 - Car Parks Open

0800 - Registration Opens

0830 - Officials and Marshalls Brief

0845 - Division 1 Coxswains and Steerspersons Brief

0900 - Boating Begins

1000 - Boating Area Closes

1030 - Division 1 starts

1145 - Division 2 Coxswains Brief

1200 - Officials and Marshalls Brief

1210 - Boating Begins

1315 - Boating Area closes

1330 - Division 2 Start

1515 (Approx) - Presentations

Parking:

All trailers will be parked in the field outside Avon County (satnav postcode BS31 3JW.)

All cars will be parked in the Riverside Inn Overflow car park (postcode: BS31 3EZ.) We have had to negotiate for use of this land, and as such please be considerate. Do not picnic in the car park or around the pub, if you wish to do so please use the trailer park. Please remember that the toilets in the pub are for patrons of the pub only, so use the portaloos we provide in the trailer park. Parking is likely to be tight this year, so please try and only bring full cars.

Registration:

This will take place inside the UBBC boathouse. From the trailer park, walk under the bridge to the boating area. A sign will be on the front of the boat house telling you where to go. When collecting race numbers, a suitably responsible person will need to sign an insurance disclaimer for all non-BUCS crews. All BUCS crews must have student ID cards with them.

Race Numbers:

All crews will be issued with 2 race numbers. For eights and stern-loader coxed fours, a race number should be attached to the back Bowman's race top and the back of the cox. For all other crews, the Bowman should wear one number on their race top and one on their warmup top. Empacher slot numbers will also be in use for the senior division. It is YOUR responsibility to make sure we get this back. Lost numbers will be charged for.

Boating:

Boating will take place in **REVERSE** order (crew 60 boating first) starting at 9:15 for the senior division and **REVERSE** order 13:15 for the novice division (this has been changed from the previous set of instructions.) Approximate boating times have been given, but we ask all crews to remain in the trailer park until they have been called through to boat. Please allow plenty of time as pontoon space is limited. ALL crews must be boated 30 minutes before the race begins. Crews should boat with their bows pointing upstream. Please be aware that the track between the trailer park and the boating area will be in use.

Boat Safety:

All boats must have bow balls and heel restraints fitted **and in good order**. Any boat not up to standard will be barred from racing. If it isn't safe at the race, it wasn't safe on your home water.

Kit:

All Competitors must be wearing sufficient kit for the conditions, bearing in mind that it is likely (especially in the novice division) that they will be stationary for at least an hour. The race organisers reserve the right to bar any crew which is not adjudged to be wearing sufficient kit. For crews boating at Bath, please remember that you will be held at the bottom of the reach until the last crew in the division finishes.

Marshalling:

Division 1 will be marshalled above the final bridge approximately 200m from the start. Crews will be marshalled with lowest numbers closest to the bridge and highest numbers upstream closer to the lock. Please note, once a crew has passed through Bath road bridge (the 2nd bridge encountered for crews boating at Saltford,) they may only paddle at light pressure (no bursts.)

Division 2 will be marshalled upstream of the first rail bridge, again with highest numbers furthest upstream. Once a crew has passed the starters, they may only paddle at light pressure

Start:

The start for the first division is at the petrol pumps around 300m upstream of Bath University boat house. Crews will be set off at around 20 second intervals, in order to try and prevent overtaking before the final bridge. The marshals may ask crews to ease or increase the pressure to maintain the gap to the crew in front. Please comply.

The start for the novice division is at the top of the straight. The gaps in the novice division will be much larger.

Finish:

After crews have finished racing DO NOT STOP ROWING but paddle downstream to the boathouses where marshals will direct you. Any crew which stops and sits on the finish line risks a time penalty. All crews returning to Bath will be held below the finish until the division is over.

Race Regulations:

The rules of the race will be broadly based upon those of British Rowing for a head race. Please especially draw to the attention of novice crews that any crew swearing or urinating over the side of the boat will be liable for a time penalty and/or disqualification (use a bottle.)

In the event of an infringement of the regulations by a crew, the race committee (consisting of the head race coordinator, supervisor, and UBBC Captain) in consultation with BUCS/BR officials will be the final authority on all decisions.

First Aid:

3 first aiders will be available around the UBBC boat house. The safety launch will also be carrying a first aider.

Toilets:

Toilets will be situated in the trailer park and the boating area.

Refreshments:

The Riverside Inn is located roughly 100m walk downstream from the boathouses. A cake stall selling tea and coffee will also be in the boating area. There will also be a burger van in the boating area.

Results:

Results will be posted on the door of UBBC as soon as possible after each division. They will be posted online at <http://ubbconline.co.uk/UBBCHeadrace/results.html> as soon as possible after the event.

Prizes:

Prizes will be awarded to all category winners where three full competitors (i.e. not time only) started. The winning crews' student cards **MUST** be presented whilst collecting prizes.

Contact Numbers on the day:

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