

# Bridgnorth Fun Regatta 2011



**Please ensure that all competitors have read the attached or are made aware of it.**

Firstly we would like to thank you for your entry into this year's event. We have again received a great response in the number of entries and we hope to guarantee a fantastic days racing for all our competitors. The draw for this year's event will be published on our website on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September and also emailed out to the contact for each crew. Racing will take place over the duration of the day of the 10<sup>th</sup> September, estimated to run between around 9am through till 5pm.

In the meantime all competitors should make themselves familiar with the instructions below:

## **Events**

During the course of the race day we will be running four separate events, these being the Men's, Women's and Mixed Events. In addition to these will be the Main Event; in which all crews (Men's, Women's and Mixed) will race each other to decide the overall winner of the Fun Regatta 2011. The events will run as follows (excepting any alterations when the draw is made, in which case crews will be notified when the draw is published):

**Men's, Women's and Mixed Events:** These events will be run in a round robin format, meaning all crews will race each other once. The winner will be the crew who has won the most races. If no winner can be decided by number of wins, the crew with the **greatest winning margin** will be declared the winner.

**NB. It is possible that the winners in these events could be decided on the greatest winning margins. So, even if you are winning ensure you keep working hard to increase your lead!**

**The Main Event:** In this event all crews, Men, Women and Mixed, will race against each other, as shown in the draw, to determine which crew will be crowned overall winner of the Fun Regatta 2011! This event will be run on a head to head knockout basis, with the winner of each race progressing through to the next round.

Most important of all is that competitors are ready to race when they are called on the day. In view of the tight schedule any crews that are late or can not be found when called risk disqualification. Please see point 4 of the 'Instructions to competitors' page, for clarification of this.

## **Also on the day.**

During the course of the day there will not just be the rowing to keep you entertained, we will be running a variety of stalls and games all day. There will be some exciting exhibition races performed by Bridgnorth Rowing Club members to give you an insight to how our top crews race. Refreshments and a BBQ will also be run, with drinks available from the club house bar. So there will be plenty to ensure it is an enjoyable day for all. We encourage you to bring along as many supporters as you can to help cheer your crew on; family, friends and colleagues are all welcome...make your crew the one with the loudest cheer!

In the evening we will be running a post regatta 'Boat House Party', please see the enclosed poster for details.

Also one final reminder is that we will be running a fancy dress competition for participating crews during the day, so we encourage you all to put your thinking caps on and come up with some amazing costumes. A prize will also be given to the best crew as extra incentive!

Again, we would like to thank you for your kind support, and hope that you all have an enjoyable day. Good luck!

Regards,

**Bridgnorth Rowing Club**

# Instructions to Competitors

**The Fun Regatta is being run in accordance with British Rowing's Rules of Racing and British Rowing's Row Safe Guide.**

1. The competition will take place over a course of approximately 500m. In the event of a dead heat (draw) the crews shall return to the start immediately for a re-row.
2. All coxes will be provided by Bridgnorth Rowing Club.  
NB. You will not be guaranteed your coach to cox your crew on race day as all coxes will be assigned randomly. However, all coxes supplied will be aiming to push you all the way to victory!
3. Crews must report to Race Control on arrival (around 40minutes before their first race time), situated on the club balcony, to collect their race numbers. The numbers are to be worn on the back of the rower in the bow seat and are to be clearly visible.
4. Competitors will be called to a holding area about 30minutes before their race time, indicated within the draw. These race times are the time when the crew needs to be on the start and ready to race; so it is essential that you are ready 30minutes before to give you adequate time to reach the start. Once a crew is required to make there way onto the landing stage for boating they will be called by the marshals. If a crew is not ready in time or can not be found at the time required for boating then they risk being disqualified.
5. The **first named crew** in the draw will race on the **high town side** of the course, i.e. the side opposite the Rowing Club.
6. The Landing Stage area will be out of bounds during the day to people other than Fun Regatta marshals and competitors who have been called down for racing. This is to ensure the safety of everyone during the day. Competitors and spectators will be free to sit and watch from the landing stage steps.
7. On the day the rowing club car park will not be in use. Any competitors wishing to park will be able to use the public car parks on the Severn Park. Severn Park is a Pay and Display car park, and the regatta committee will accept no responsibility for any car parking fines incurred.
8. Trophies will be presented to the winners of each event and the overall winner at the end of racing in the bar.
9. Competitors must comply with all instructions issued by umpires, marshals or safety officials positioned along the course, and treat all officials with respect. Any abusive language, gestures or behavior will not be tolerated. Failure to comply with any of this may result in an official warning or disqualification.
10. The regatta committee reserve the right to make such alterations to the program and course as may be considered necessary. All decisions made by the regatta committee shall be final.