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Huntingdon Boat Club

Tel. 01480 456963

Marshalling & general instructions for competing crews

PARKING AND TRAILERS

Parking for competitors vehicles is available at the Pay & Display car park adjacent to the club. All trailers are to be parked on the strip of land between the boat club building and the football pitch. No trailers or towing vehicles are permitted to drive onto the football pitch itself. Please be aware that this is a public car park and it will be in use by members of the public throughout the day. Do not block any entrances or exits as this may impede the emergency services. All valuables and money should be securely locked away and out of sight. Huntingdon Boat club cannot be held responsible for any losses.

BOATING

Please make sure you are on the water at least 45 minutes before the division start time and be past the start line at least 15 minutes before the division starts. Allow at least 30 minutes to get to the start. There will be marshals on the landing stage area and at the start to direct and help crews. You must obey any instruction given by the marshals.

START

At the start you will be marshalled into numerical order by the start marshals on the riverbank. You must obey all instructions given by the marshals. Please make sure your number is clearly visible and securely fastened at all times whilst on the water.

OVERTAKING AND STEERING

Faster crews have priority of the river over slower crews. Failure to allow faster crews to overtake could result in disqualification or a time penalty of the offending crew. The final decision is at

the discretion of the race umpires. Please also be aware that the course becomes narrower and the bends become sharp in the last 2000 metres and overtaking can become difficult. Therefore we ask only experienced coxswains & steersman are used at this event.

FINISH

At the finish, crews will be marshalled through the Town Bridge where crews will be held until the end of the division. When the division is over crews will be allowed to pass back through the bridge and return the landing stage area. The purpose of this is to allow crews still racing clear water free of any obstructions. Any crew failing to proceed through the bridge at the finish of their race could face an official warning.

DE-BOATING

The landing stage area can get congested at times. There will be marshals on the landing stage area to direct and help crews. You must obey and instructions given by the marshals. Crews are to form an orderly queue and wait their turn to get de-boated, by doing this you will avoid any unnecessary time wasting and get off the water faster. Any crews found to be pushing in or jumping the queue could face an official warning.

Your observation of these instructions is greatly appreciated by the organising committee.

Over 160 years of rowing in Huntingdon



Club History

Huntingdon Boat Club was founded in 1854 with the aim to “Promote and further the interest of rowing in Huntingdon”, which remains as true today as it was then.

Huntingdon Boat Club was one of the first clubs to be founded away from the Thames Valley and was the first boat club to be founded in the County of Huntingdonshire, as the area was known then. A further sign of the longevity of the club is demonstrated by the designation of Boat Club as opposed to Rowing Club, which tends to be used by clubs founded after 1860.

Club Colours

Huntingdon Boat Club can be identified by its distinctive club colours, which are officially described as Cardinal Red and Dark Blue. Reasons why these colours were chosen remains unsure. The racing singlets or “Vests” worn by Huntingdon’s crews can be identified by a Red body panel with a single thick Dark Blue diagonal stripe running from right to left. Huntingdon’s rowing and sculling blades are painted in Red and Blue halves.

River Great Ouse

Huntingdon Boat Club is lucky enough to train on a 5,000 metre uninterrupted stretch of the river Great Ouse from the town of Huntingdon to the village of

Houghton, where the famous water mill built in the 18th century is located.

Huntingdon Regatta and Water Carnival

It was at Huntingdon Regatta where Sir Steven Redgrave, then rowing for Greater Marlow School won his Novice Sculls pot. Records of the original Huntingdon regatta can be dated back to the 1800s, when it is known not only as a regatta but also as a “water carnival” and consisted not only of rowing events, but also swimming races, punt races, decorated boats, and other carnival activities. In those days the regatta was held between the Town Bridge and the Old Wooden Railway Bridge. In 1957 the regatta moved to the stretch of river known locally as the “Houghton Wale” which runs between Hartford and Houghton. It was at this point where the carnival events stopped and the event became known as Huntingdon regatta and solely focused on Rowing and Sculling events.

Huntingdon Head of the River

Presently, the only major Rowing and Sculling event in Huntingdon is the annual Head of the River Race held in October each year over the 4,500 metre upstream course from Houghton to Huntingdon. This event attracts clubs not only from our



neighbouring towns but also clubs from all over the United Kingdom. Records of this event can be traced back to the 1960s when the event was known as the Great Ouse Sculling Championships.

Club equipment

Crews from Huntingdon Boat Club race at Regattas and Heads all around the United Kingdom and Internationally. Success has been achieved in all boat classes from Single Sculls to Eight's and throughout the age ranges from Junior to Veteran, Male to Female and also Mixed crews. Our impressive fleet of racing boats reflects this success. We now have a fully stocked boathouse with every type of racing boat needed in

today's modern rowing environment. The club is totally committed to upgrading its fleet of boats and providing the best possible racing and training equipment for its crews.

Club achievements

Throughout the club's history it has seen many of its crews competing at National and International events. These have included: The Tideway Head - for Eights; The Fours Head, the Pairs Head and the Tideway Scullers Head. These events are held on the river Thames rowing over the famous Oxford and Cambridge University Boat Race course in the opposite direction from the University crews. The highest finishing position a





Huntingdon crew has achieved came in 1990 when a Senior Eight attained the position of 72 in the Tideway Eights Head. Crews have competed at the Gent International regatta in Belgium on many occasions and many crews have also competed in the National Championships of Great Britain. In 2000 a significant milestone was achieved when a crew reached the final of the Men's Open Heavyweight Double Sculls at the National Championships of Great Britain. That same crew also went on to compete in the Double Sculls Challenge Cup at Henley Royal Regatta the following year this was another first for the club as no other previous Huntingdon Boat Club crew had ever competed at the world famous regatta before. The club has seen its Veteran crews competing at the World Masters Regatta on two occasions in 2003 at Vichy in France and in 2005 at Strathclyde in Scotland . In 2005 another first was achieved when a combined

Huntingdon and RAF Veteran crew competed at an International rowing event at St Petersburg in Russia. Many of the clubs crews over the years have also competed at the Boston Rowing Marathon over the famous 31-mile course from Lincoln to Boston . This event is to rowing what the London Marathon is to running.

The 2012 Olympics and its legacy project have caused an upturn in the active involvement of the UK population in sport and HBC is evidence of this. Since 2012 the number of Junior members has increased greatly and the club now has a strong Junior squad.

The club competes at both a Senior and Junior level and from Novice to Elite. We attend many local Regattas and Head of River events but also travel as far afield as Ironbridge and Evesham.

HBC also has a strong social element and is supported by a number of non-rowing members.



Schedule and timings

GENERAL TIMINGS

08:00: Race control opens (located in the gym) for registration.

15:45: Full results issued and presentation of prizes to winning crews.

DIVISION TIMINGS

DIVISION 1

08:55: Safety launches ready to set off prior to crew setting off for start.

09:00: Crews begin to get boated and set off to start.

09:45: Safety launches, Start marshals and all other marshals get into position.

09:50: Check course is clear of any river traffic before race starts.

10:00: Race starts.

10:45: Race finish (or as last crew passes the finish line).

11:00: Division 1 results issued.

DIVISION 2

11:10: Safety launches ready to set off prior to crew setting off for start.

11:15: Crews begin to get boated and set off to start.

12:00: Safety launches, Start marshals and all other marshals get into position.

12:10: Check course is clear of any river traffic before race starts.

12:15: Race starts.

13:00: Race finish (or as last crew passes the finish line).

13:20: Division 2 results issued

DIVISION 3

13:25: Safety launches ready to set off prior to crew setting off for start.

13:30: Crews begin to get boated and set off to start.

14:15: Safety launches, Start marshals and all other marshals get into position.

14:25: Check course is clear of any river traffic before race starts.

14:30: Race starts.

15:15: Race finish (or as last crew passes the finish line).

15:30: Division 3 results issued

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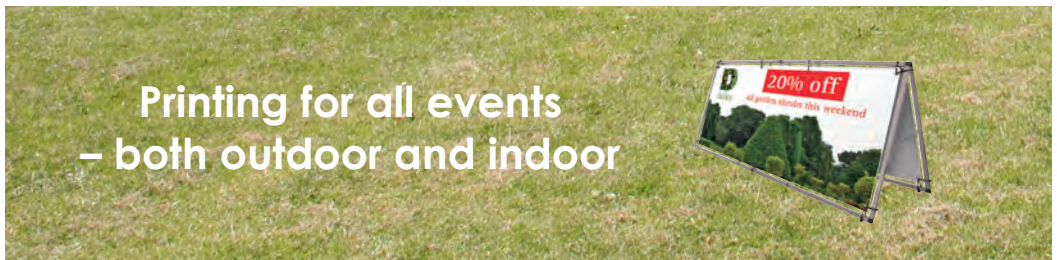
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Course map





DIVISION 1
START TIME 10.00AM
BOATING TIME 9.00AM

CLUB	NAMES	STATUS	DIVISIO N	EVENT	Start No.
St Neots RC	SNE-Williams	CRA 8+	1	CRA 8+	1
Cantabrigian	CAB-Ellis	Mas CRA 8+	1	Mas CRA 8+ Hcap	2
Cantabrigian	CAB-Motley Crew	Mas D CRA 8+	1	Mas CRA 8+ Hcap	3
Cantabrigian	CAB-Burrowers	Mas F CRA 8+	1	Mas CRA 8+ Hcap	4
Peterborough City	PET-Canton	W.Mas C CRA 8+	1	Mas CRA 8+ Hcap	5
Huntingdon	HUN-Adams	MasA.2x	1	Mas A/C 2x Hcap	6
Huntingdon	HUN-Searle	J17A.1x	1	J17A.1x	7
Isle of Ely RC	IEL-Atkinson	MasG.2-	1	MasE/G.2- Hcap	8
Huntingdon	HUN-Shepherd	J17A.2x	1	J17A.2x	9
Isle of Ely RC	Isaac	W.MasB.1x	1	W.MasB/C.1x Hcap	10
Huntingdon	HUN-Harman	W.IM3.2x	1	W.IM3.2x	11
Peterborough City	PET-Apostolidou	W.IM3.1x	1	W.IM3.1x	12
Huntingdon	HUN-Ranner	W.J15A.1x	1	W.J16A.1x	13

DIVISION 2
START TIME 12.15PM
BOATING TIME 11.25AM

CLUB	NAMES	STATUS	DIVISION	EVENT	Start No.
Huntingdon / St Ives	HBC/SIRC	CRA 8+	2	CRA 8+	14
Huntingdon	SIRC/HBC	IM2.4x-	2	CRA 4x-	15
Cantabrigian	CAB-Morley	MasC.1x	2	Mas A/C/E 1x Hcap	16

Huntingdon	HUN-Adams	MasA.1x	2	Mas A/C/E 1x Hcap	17
Huntingdon	HUN-Nash	J15A.2x	2	IM3.2x	18
Huntingdon	HUN-Hinkley	Mx.IM3.2x	2	IM3.2x	19
Huntingdon	HUN-Evans	W.J18A.2x	2	W.IM3.2x	20
St Ives	SIV-Rogers	J17A.2x	2	J17A.2x	21
St Ives	SIV-Strong	J17A.1x	2	J17A.1x	22
1927 Boat Club	Harbour	W.IM3.1x	2	W.IM3.1x	23
St Ives	SIV-Strong	J15A.1x	2	J16A.1x	24
Huntingdon	HUN-Jain	J16A.1x	2	J16A.1x	25
St Ives	SIV-Heylen	W.J16A.1x	2	W.J16A.1x	26
St Ives	SIV-Maddison	W.J16A.1x	2	W.J16A.1x	27

DIVISION 3

START TIME 2.30PM

BOATING TIME 1.40PM

CLUB	NAMES	STATUS	DIVISIO N	CAT	Start No.
Huntingdon	HUN-Searle	IM3.4x-	3	CRA 4x-	28
Huntingdon / St Ives	HUN / SIV- Gilbey	MasC.2x	3	Mas A/C 2x Hcap	29
Peterborough City	PET-Davis	MasE.2-	3	MasE/G.2- Hcap	30
St Ives	SIV-Woodford	MasC.1x	3	Mas A/C/E 1x Hcap	31
Peterborough City	PET-Barks	MasE.1x	3	Mas A/C/E 1x Hcap	32
Huntingdon	HUN-Adams	SEN.1x	3	TO	33
Huntingdon	HUN-Hinkley	W.IM3.2x	3	W.IM3.2x	34
St Ives	SIV- Waddingham	W.MasC.2x	3	W.IM3.2x	35
Huntingdon	HUN-Harman	W.J18A.1x	3	W.IM3.1x	36
Huntingdon	HUN-Searle	W.J16A.1x	3	W.J16A.1x	37
Huntingdon	HUN-Jones	W.MasC.NOV. 1x	3	W.MasB/C.1x Hcap	38

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