SMALL BOATS HEAD - NOTES FOR COMPETITORS SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER 2026

PARKING

Car and trailer parking is available in the centre of Worcester Racecourse which is accessed via Pitch Croft Car Park off Severn Terrace, Worcester, WR2 2WD. There is a height barrier which will be manned between 7:30am and 9:30am to allow crews to arrive before division 1 and again after division 2 to allow crews to leave. If you need access at other times please contact me on 07871 589178.

SAFETY BRIEFING

There will be one safety briefing, before the morning division, at 08:30, upstairs in the club house. If you are only racing in the afternoon and miss the safety briefing, please find a member of Worcester Rowing Club and they will be able to help.

REGISTRATION

All crews should report to Registration for the issue of crew numbers. There will be one number for the back of bow, and another for the Empacher slot. The morning division will have white numbers, and the afternoon division will have yellow numbers. Please return numbers to the same place after racing, or leave upstairs in the clubhouse.

Please inform Registration of any changes in the crew to ensure the crews are correct on BROE before boating.

BOATING & CIRCULATION PATTERN

Please ensure that you allow plenty of time to get up to the start. If you wish to go downstream before heading up, you are welcome

to do so but please don't go further down than the Road bridge and please make sure you arrive in your marshalling position in plenty of time. Late arrivals may be awarded a time penalty. Take care – the river is not closed to other users.

Crews should make their way to the rowing club car park and onto the landing stages after boat checking in plenty of time to meet their latest boating time. Crews will not be allowed to boat with less than 20 minutes to the start of the race. Note that the river is not closed to other traffic, and cruisers and narrow boats are common on this stretch.

Marshalling at the start will be on the west bank as usual, with the lowest numbered crews furthest upstream near The Camp Inn, and the higher numbers downstream. In the event that we have to relocate the start we will revise the marshalling plans accordingly. These will be available at the safety briefing.

Regardless of the start location it is important that marshalling crews keep tucked in as close to the bank as possible, especially on the bend nearest to the start. Whilst we can penalise crews who impede others with a time penalty, we can't give time back to the innocent crew. That crew could be you, so please be considerate.

During racing overtaking crews have stream priority.

The finish will be marked and is located at the West Midland's Regional Rowing Centre. After racing, crews should turn downstream of the finish as directed by the marshals, and then proceed upstream to the landing stages keeping tucked well in to the clubside bank.

ACCIDENT & EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Members of the Severn Area Rescue Association (SARA) are on duty in the boat yard for the duration of racing, and will provide first aid and accident emergency cover.

In an emergency, 999 calls only can be made from the telephone in the Boathouse, next to which can be found local services information.