

Head of the Don

Sponsored by Doncaster Rowing Club and P Stapleton

SUNDAY, 1ST OCTOBER 2017

Entries close at 3:00pm on Saturday, 23rd September 2017

Held under British Rowing's Rules of Racing and Rowsafe

EVENTS

- All events are raced upstream over a 4,000m course on the River Don, boating from Hexthorpe Park, Doncaster. Easy access from A1, M1 and M18.
- There are 2 Divisions:
 - Division 1: 10:30 am.
 - Division 2: 2:30 pm.
- Events are offered in the following categories, including for adaptive competitors:

Class	Division 1	Division 2
8+	Open (Sen, Beg, Mas, J18, J16);	Women (Sen, Beg, Mas, J18, J16); Mixed
4x+	Women (Sen, Beg, Mas, J15, J14); Mixed	Open (Sen, Beg, Mas, J15, J14);
4x-	Open (Sen, Beg, Mas, J18, J16)	Women (Sen, Beg, Mas, J18, J16); Mixed
4+	Women (Sen, Beg, Mas, J15, J14); Open (J18, J16); Mixed	Open (Sen, Beg, Mas, J18, J16); Women (J18, J16)
4-	Open (Sen)	Women (Sen)
2x	Women (All classes); Mixed	Open (All classes)
2-	Open (Sen)	Women (Sen)
1x	Women (All classes)	Open (All classes)

Class	8+	4x+	4x-	4+	4-	2x	2-	1x
Senior	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Masters	X	X	X	X		X		X
Beginner*	X	X		X		X		X
Mixed	X	X	X	X		X		
J16 & J18	X		X	X		X		X
J15 & J14		X				X		X

* Crews that consider themselves to be "Beginners" should write this into the notes in BROE. If there are sufficient entries, we will create a Beginners' band in that event.

- Prizes will only be awarded to the fastest crews or where there are 2 or more crews in a particular event category.

CRYSTAL GLASS TANKARDS AWARDED TO ALL WINNERS
THE STAPLETON TROPHY WILL BE AWARDED TO THE FASTEST CREW
PENNANTS AWARDED TO THE FASTEST MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CREWS

ENTRIES

Entries should be made through the BROE2 online system. Payments can be made directly to Doncaster Rowing Club by cheque or bank transfer (please contact the Event Secretary for details), or through BROE2.

ENTRY FEES

Senior/Masters events: £9 per seat; Junior events: £6 per seat.

CONTACTS

Event Secretary: Richard Harpum. Tel: 07710 009500; E-mail: richard.harpum@btinternet.com

Entries Secretary: Jake Cole. Tel: 07802 713697; E-mail: jakecolee@gmail.com

Further information, including the Safety Plan, competitor instructions, directions and the draw will be posted on the Doncaster Rowing Club web site:

<http://www.doncaster-rowing-club.org/headofthedon.html>

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- The Race is open to all club and composite crews and is held under British Rowing Rules of Racing.
- This is a demanding event and crews and their coxswains must be sufficiently competent to race. **Anyone whom the marshals consider is not competent will not be allowed to race.**
- All competitors must ensure that they have and are wearing adequate, warm clothing and should take these with them in the boat for the waits at the start and finish. **Competitors whom the marshals deem to be inadequately dressed will not be allowed to boat.**
- Clubs must ensure that all boats entered in the race have sufficient buoyancy to ensure all crew members are adequately protected in the event of either a swamping or capsizing of the boat.
- The draw will take place on Sunday, 24th September 2017 and will be published by Tuesday, 26th September on the Doncaster Rowing Club website: <http://www.doncaster-rowing-club.org/headofthedon.html>
- Entries should be made through the BROE online system. Payments can be made by cheque (made payable to "Doncaster Rowing Club"), electronic bank transfer (please call the Event Secretary for account details), or on the day. All cheques sent by post must be received by 27th September (to the address shown in BROE). Payments can also be made on race day, either by cheque or cash.
- A minimum of two entries from two different clubs are required to form an event. If insufficient entries are received, the entries will be placed in the next status or age group for the class of boat unless an alternative is clearly stated. Please use the comments facility on BROE to flag up if a change of status is a possibility. The Entries Secretary will endeavour to contact club secretaries and to resolve any difficulties. Please provide contact 'phone numbers for daytime and evening for this purpose.
- Entry fees are not refundable once the draw is published. In the event of the race being cancelled by the Race Committee, in whole or in part, the Race Committee will consider the refund of entry fees to crews in categories not raced.
- We will make every effort to ensure that any doubling-up has been catered for, but it is the competitors' responsibility to be at the start on time.
- Competitors must be ready to proceed to the landing stages at least 10 minutes before the boating time stated on the Start Order Schedule. Crews will be called to the landings in reverse start order.
- Competitors must provide their own boats and blades.
- Clubs are reminded that it is their responsibility to insure their equipment.
- Coxes requiring dead weights must bring their own, clearly identifiable, weights. Coxes will not be weighed before their race. However, the weight of coxes of winning crews may be checked after the race.
- Racing licence presentation may be requested prior to racing, crew substitution, or prize giving.
- Every effort shall be made to accommodate Adaptive entries. Please contact the Entries Secretary for specific requirements.
- The Race Committee reserve the right to alter the list of entries after publication. Every reasonable effort shall be made to ensure all entries are able to race.
- Entrants for Junior events should indicate if they are NOT willing to be moved to a Senior Category if there are insufficient entries in their nominated Junior event.
- Prize giving will take place after all racing is finished, although any early winners may collect their prizes from Race Control before then.
- **Further instructions and directions will be issued to competitors separately and are available on the web site.**

