

The 2017 (61st) South Coast Rowing Championships. Dorney Lake.
Eton. 2nd September, 2017.

The 2017 & 61st South Coast Rowing Championships & 12th Under 16 Regatta.



**Hosted by the Hants & Dorset Amateur
Rowing Association.
At ETON DORNEY.
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BRIEFING DOCUMENT TO THE 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOUTH COAST ROWING COUNCIL ON THE PLANS OF THE HANTS & DORSET ARA FOR THE 2017 SOUTH COAST ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS AT ETON DORNEY, Near Windsor.

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THE VENUE.

- Eton Dorney is an eight-lane, purpose built Rowing Course owned by Eton College and opened in June, 2000.
 - The Lake is operated by an independent charity called the Dorney Lake Trust Company and is a subsidiary of Dorney Lake Services Ltd
 - The lake was the venue for the World Rowing Championships in 2006, the World Junior Championships in 2011 and the Olympic Rowing Regatta and Canoeing events in 2012.
 - The Lake hosted the 2007 & 2011 South Coast Rowing Championships and under 16 Regatta's.
 - It is a magnificent, modern venue, set in a secluded 400 acre nature park near the River Thames.
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Advantages of using Eton Dorney.

- Prestigious.
 - High Profile.
 - An opportunity, at all levels, to experience racing on a multi-lane, international standard, rowing course – and an Olympic venue.
 - The fairest Racing course offered for any South Coast Championship Regatta with the best facilities for the athletes.
 - A course that almost guarantees the event being held regardless of weather conditions.
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Reason for return to Eton Dorney.

The decision to go back to Eton Dorney was made after careful consideration of the alternative venues. These have been explored extensively.

The traditional Hants & Dorset venues – Western Shore, the I.W and Swanage are all vulnerable and have lost events in the past. The Hants & Dorset has no multi-lane inland course where the Regatta can be staged and the event guaranteed to take place.

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THE DATE.

- The Rules of the South Coast Council (Rule 36) states that “The Championship Regatta WILL be advertised to be held NO LATER than the second week in September.
- Therefore the only two dates available to the Association were – Saturday, 2nd or 9th September, 2017 with the 9th September our first choice to avoid any potential clash with planned WEARA Regattas.
- However Eton Dorney is not available for this date – and so the 2nd September is the only available date.
- While this is earlier than we would have liked a precedent has been set by the date of the 2016 South Coast Championships taking place at Herne Bay on the 3rd September and two years notice of the date has been given to the South Coast Council and WEARA and CARA to allow them to plan their 2017 fixture list accordingly.



LOCATION.

The Royal Borough of
Windsor & Maidenhead
www.windsor.gov.uk

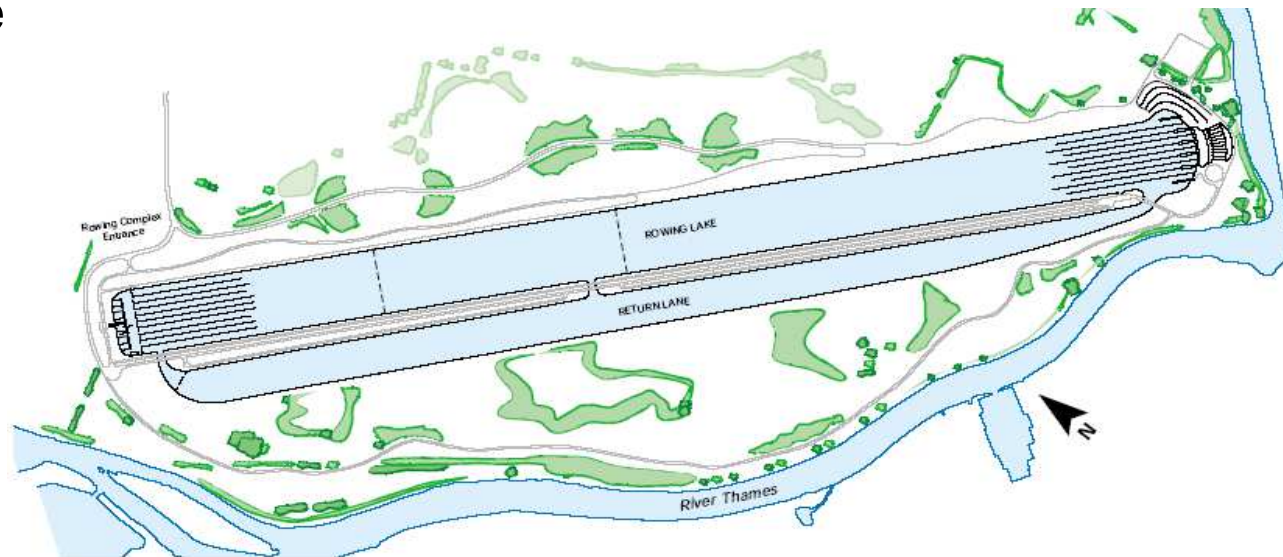
Dorney Lake.

Map showing the area around Windsor and Maidenhead, including the River Thames, major roads (M4, M25, A4, A329, A327, A320, A304, A308, A302, A306, A307, A309, A310, A311, A312, A313, A314, A315, A316, A317, A318, A319, A320, A321, A322, A323, A324, A325, A326, A327, A328, A329, A330, A331, A332, A333, A334, A335, A336, A337, A338, A339, A340, A341, A342, A343, A344, A345, A346, A347, A348, A349, A350, A351, A352, A353, A354, A355, A356, A357, A358, A359, A360, A361, A362, A363, A364, A365, A366, A367, A368, A369, A370, A371, A372, A373, A374, A375, A376, A377, A378, A379, A380, A381, A382, A383, A384, A385, A386, A387, A388, A389, A390, A391, A392, A393, A394, A395, A396, A397, A398, A399, A400, A401, A402, A403, A404, A405, A406, A407, A408, A409, A410, A411, A412, A413, A414, A415, A416, A417, A418, A419, A420, A421, A422, A423, A424, A425, A426, A427, A428, A429, A430, A431, A432, A433, A434, A435, A436, A437, A438, A439, A440, A441, A442, A443, A444, A445, A446, A447, A448, A449, A450, A451, A452, A453, A454, A455, A456, A457, A458, A459, A460, A461, A462, A463, A464, A465, A466, A467, A468, A469, A470, A471, A472, A473, A474, A475, A476, A477, A478, A479, A480, A481, A482, A483, A484, A485, A486, A487, A488, A489, A490, A491, A492, A493, A494, A495, A496, A497, A498, A499, A500, A501, A502, A503, A504, A505, A506, A507, A508, A509, A510, A511, A512, A513, A514, A515, A516, A517, A518, A519, A520, A521, A522, A523, A524, A525, A526, A527, A528, A529, A530, A531, A532, A533, A534, A535, A536, A537, A538, A539, A540, A541, A542, A543, A544, A545, A546, A547, A548, A549, A550, A551, A552, A553, A554, A555, A556, A557, A558, A559, A560, A561, A562, A563, A564, A565, A566, A567, A568, A569, A570, A571, A572, A573, A574, A575, A576, A577, A578, A579, A580, A581, A582, A583, A584, A585, A586, A587, A588, A589, A590, A591, A592, A593, A594, A595, A596, A597, A598, A599, A600, A601, A602, A603, A604, A605, A606, A607, A608, A609, A610, A611, A612, A613, A614, A615, A616, A617, A618, A619, A620, A621, A622, A623, A624, A625, A626, A627, A628, A629, A630, A631, A632, A633, A634, A635, A636, A637, A638, A639, A640, A641, A642, A643, A644, A645, A646, A647, A648, A649, A650, A651, A652, A653, A654, A655, A656, A657, A658, A659, A660, A661, A662, A663, A664, A665, A666, A667, A668, A669, A670, A671, A672, A673, A674, A675, A676, A677, A678, A679, A680, A681, A682, A683, A684, A685, A686, A687, A688, A689, A690, A691, A692, A693, A694, A695, A696, A697, A698, A699, A700, A701, A702, A703, A704, A705, A706, A707, A708, A709, A710, A711, A712, A713, A714, A715, A716, A717, A718, A719, A720, A721, A722, A723, A724, A725, A726, A727, A728, A729, A730, A731, A732, A733, A734, A735, A736, A737, A738, A739, A740, A741, A742, A743, A744, A745, A746, A747, A748, A749, A750, A751, A752, A753, A754, A755, A756, A757, A758, A759, A760, A761, A762, A763, A764, A765, A766, A767, A768, A769, A770, A771, A772, A773, A774, A775, A776, A777, A778, A779, A780, A781, A782, A783, A784, A785, A786, A787, A788, A789, A790, A791, A792, A793, A794, A795, A796, A797, A798, A799, A800, A801, A802, A803, A804, A805, A806, A807, A808, A809, A810, A811, A812, A813, A814, A815, A816, A817, A818, A819, A820, A821, A822, A823, A824, A825, A826, A827, A828, A829, A830, A831, A832, A833, A834, A835, A836, A837, A838, A839, A840, A841, A842, A843, A844, A845, A846, A847, A848, A849, A850, A851, A852, A853, A854, A855, A856, A857, A858, A859, A860, A861, A862, A863, A864, A865, A866, A867, A868, A869, A870, A871, A872, A873, A874, A875, A876, A877, A878, A879, A880, A881, A882, A883, A884, A885, A886, A887, A888, A889, A890, A891, A892, A893, A894, A895, A896, A897, A898, A899, A900, A901, A902, A903, A904, A905, A906, A907, A908, A909, A910, A911, A912, A913, A914, A915, A916, A917, A918, A919, A920, A921, A922, A923, A924, A925, A926, A927, A928, A929, A930, A931, A932, A933, A934, A935, A936, A937, A938, A939, A940, A941, A942, A943, A944, A945, A946, A947, A948, A949, A950, A951, A952, A953, A954, A955, A956, A957, A958, A959, A960, A961, A962, A963, A964, A965, A966, A967, A968, A969, A970, A971, A972, A973, A974, A975, A976, A977, A978, A979, A980, A981, A982, A983, A984, A985, A986, A987, A988, A989, A990, A991, A992, A993, A994, A995, A996, A997, A998, A999, A1000, A1001, A1002, A1003, A1004, A1005, A1006, A1007, A1008, A1009, A1010, A1011, A1012, A1013, A1014, A1015, A1016, A1017, A1018, A1019, A1020, A1021, A1022, A1023, A1024, A1025, A1026, A1027, A1028, A1029, A1030, A1031, A1032, A1033, A1034, A1035, A1036, A1037, A1038, A1039, A1040, A1041, A1042, A1043, A1044, A1045, A1046, A1047, A1048, A1049, A1050, A1051, A1052, A1053, A1054, A1055, A1056, A1057, A1058, A1059, A1060, A1061, A1062, A1063, A1064, A1065, A1066, A1067, A1068, A1069, A1070, A1071, A1072, A1073, A1074,

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THE COURSE.

- The course has eight fully buoyed lanes over 2200 meters long plus a return lane.
- Designed to FISA guidelines the course has shallow angled, gravel edged banks for Safety and wave dampening.
- There is a start and finish tower, fixed starting positions, and a PA system covering the last 300m of the course.
- There is ample boat storage, changing, shower and toilet facilities available



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EVENTS.

Eton Dorney would be able to accommodate the six championship events and the nine Open and Invitation events over a full 2000m course.

In line with South Coast Council rule number 9 the host association specifies the type of boat to be used. As a Coastal Association – the Championships will be raced in Coastal fours.

The Junior Regatta will be raced in River Boats – although some Coastal Events will be offered. The Junior events will be raced over 1000m, with a free start, on the morning of the Championships. It is hoped to offer racing for J14 to J16, for Boys and Girls, in a variety of boat types including Coastal Singles and Coxed Quads – subject to entries.

This will maximise use of the course and provide some additional revenue.

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THE FACILITIES.

- In addition to the Rowing Lake Eton Dorney offers a modern boathouse with boat storage and repair facilities, a gymnasium, changing, shower and toilet facilities, sports medicine facilities and conference/reception and catering facilities.
- The Lake can be made available for training in the days prior to the Championship although there will be a charge.
- There is ample parking space and an excellent view of the course for spectators.
- There is also ample space for Boat Trailers and plenty of boat racking available.



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ACCOMMODATION.

- **Although there is no accommodation on site, the venue is conveniently located near Windsor & Eton where there is an abundance of accommodation and entertainment to suit all budgets.**
 - **There are two camp sites near to Dorney Lake and we have identified over one hundred Hotels and Guest Houses in the area.**
 - **Maidenhead and Reading, where there is further accommodation available, are only a few miles away.**
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RECEPTION, PRIZE GIVING & REGATTA PARTY.

- **The Eton Dorney Lake facilities would be used for the Friday Evening Reception and Championship Draw plus the Prize Presentation and Regatta Party on the Saturday evening.**
- **The Lake View Room with extension – which has magnificent views over the Rowing lake, including a balcony can accommodate around 300 people.**
- **Dorney Lake Services would provide the catering and Bar.**



Organising Committee

- The Organising Committee will be drawn from the Hants & Dorset ARA's affiliated Clubs.
 - A steering committee is already in place and has a wealth of experience available and this will form the backbone of the organising committee.
 - Many of those who served on the organising committee in 2007, 2011 and 2014 have indicated their willingness to serve again for 2017 including – Tim Bull, of Lymington, who has agreed to serve as Regatta Secretary once again, Sue Sothcott, of Poole R. C. who will once again serve as Treasurer, Gary Joyce of Itchen Imperial who will take on the role of Safety Advisor again and John Purkess of BTC who will chair the committee.
 - Ivor Lloyd, Managing Director at Eton Dorney is the local contact and is a former Coastal Oarsman (Eastbourne) who has competed at South Coast Championship Regattas and is very familiar with the event and its requirements.
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COMMUNICATIONS.

- Good communication is a one of the keys to a well run event. The organising committee of the 2017 South Coast Rowing Championships at Dorney will, as we have in the past, use, in addition to the usual methods of communication –
 - A Website for the Regatta – has already been established – as part of the H&DARA Website – with a “quick link” of – www.hdara.co.uk/scc – where information on the Regatta and the history of the event will be available and from where you will be able to download electronically Regatta documents.
 - Establish an E mail circulation list and publish regular E bulletins on the plans for the event.
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Safety

- It is recognised that Safety is a crucial element of the Regatta and is of the up most importance when organising the Regatta.
- The Safety procedures will be in line with the South Coast Championship Regatta Councils Water Safety document and British Rowing's Water Safety Code – "Row-Safe".
- Safety Boats and Crews will be provided by a local organisation that has ample experience with events at Eton Dorney and on multi-lane courses. There will be a minimum of 4 safety Boats for the Regatta with all crews qualified to at least RYA2 level.
- The local St. John Ambulance or an alternative provider will provide First Aid cover.



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MECHANDISE, CATERING & TRADE STANDS.

- We would expect to have available and sell the usual range of event related merchandise.
- It is hoped to repeat the “Row Show” for competitors and spectators on site and that a number of suppliers will have trade stands/displays.
- We also expect to have a number of Catering facilities available in addition to those offered by Eton Dorney.
- The popular “Club Pitches” from 2007 and 2011 would be offered once again.



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IMPROVEMENTS.

- Some areas we would hope to improve on, funding permitting, have already been identified by the committee, including –
 - Improvements to the Public Address System.
 - Recorded and published times for all races.
 - Improvements to the layout of the facilities and services.
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THE COST.

- The cost of staging the Regatta at Dorney Lake is estimated to be around £28,000.
 - The Hants & Dorset ARA has already raised a significant amount towards this total (around £15,000) via the seat levy imposed at Hants & Dorset Regatta's.
 - The Association is confident it can raise the balance – to provide a well funded event with all the facilities and services required from a first class Regatta – and anticipate being able to provide the expected and traditional individual mementoes for all competitors.
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DISPENSATION FROM SOUTH COAST COUNCIL RULES.

- A return to Eton Dorney will require two dispensations to the South Coast Council Rules. These were both granted by Council for the 2007 & 2011 Championships at Eton Dorney.
 1. There is no alternative course available (Rule 19)
 2. The course layout at Eton Dorney dictates that the No 1 position will be on the port/left hand side of the course (Rule 33)



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CONCLUSION.

- The combination of such a fair course and excellent facilities in an area close to so many places of interest should ensure a memorable experience for Competitors and Spectators alike and help to retain and enhance the reputation of the South Coast Rowing Championships Regatta and provide an opportunity to race at a venue that hosted the 2012 Olympic Regatta.

