

62nd South Coast Rowing Championships being hosted at Deal on Saturday 8th September 2018

COURSE AND CONDITIONS

A Captains & Safety briefing will be held in the Deal Clubhouse at **7.30am** to which a representative from all competing Clubs **MUST** attend and be signed in under the Rules of the South Coast Council. (Non attendance will lead to the Club being withdrawn from the Regatta).

Upon arrival all Clubs must report to the Regatta Control situated at the Coast Guard Station, **no later than 1 hour before the start of the Regatta**. Failure to do so may result in the Clubs crews being withdrawn from the regatta (this includes Championship crews)

At the Regatta Control, crews will receive their individual crew number, which **must be securely pinned** in each corner by the safety pins provided. These numbers **must be** pinned to the backs of the coxswain and bow person and **must be worn at all times when afloat**. Failure to do so will lead to disqualification.

All crews, once having reported to the Regatta Control and received their numbers and race information, **must be aware** that it is the crews responsibility to be aware of all race and regatta conditions.

All races are rowed under the Rules, as laid down by the South Coast Championship Council.

All racing boats **must have been checked** for safety before going afloat by the Regatta Water Safety Officer and given a Water Safety Clearance Sticker. It is the crew's responsibility to ensure that this has been done before going afloat, the Beach Marshal will check for clearance Sticker.

All crews **must report to the Beach Marshal** on the beach **no later than 45 minutes** before the start of their race and must be prepared to go afloat when told to do so by the Beach Marshal. Boat changes are done on the understanding that it is the crews responsibility and **no race will be held up for late arriving crews**. No boat or coxswain changes **will be allowed between consecutive races**.

Crews when proceeding to the start area **must keep inside** the marker buoys as close as possible to the shore. Upon reaching the start area it is the crews responsibility to report to the Start Marshal who will be afloat behind the start line **no later than 10 minutes before the race start time**. Crews will then be called up by crew number by the Start Marshal to proceed to the Start Line to come under Starters orders.

Crew lane positions are numbered 1 **nearest the shore** and **all crews must display their appropriate lane number on the bow of the boat** in accordance with the Rules. The individual crew number **must be pinned** to the backs of the coxswain and bow person when afloat.

All coxswains **must wear** a lifejacket to BS 3959 standard.

The course will be rowed in a South to North direction with the Starters on the beach. Crews will race under the pier through the closed sections (one crew per bay) and finish in front of the Coast Guard Station, just north of the Clubhouse. It is a straight 1950metre for both the Championship and Open races, the Junior course will be a straight 1000 metres, starting north of the pier and finishing at the main regatta finish.

The Start will be by the dropping of the **Yellow flag** simultaneously with the firing of the start gun, canon or audible device and the command **`GO`** for all races. Any crew attempting to go before the firing of the start gun, canon or audible device is liable to be disqualified and **must** leave the start area immediately upon being told to do so.

The waving of the **Red flag** by the Starters or Umpires **will** signal that the race has been stopped. All protests regarding a race **must** be made within 10 minutes of the conclusion of the race to the Regatta Controller, who will then contact the Umpires whose decision will be final without appeal.

Any crew found practicing on the course after the Regatta has started **will be immediately withdrawn from the Regatta**.

The Organising Committee reserve the right to amend the programme in any way to ensure that the Championship races are started on the time as advertised in the programme or to combine heats if sufficient scratchings are received. The Regatta Controllers decision on such matters will be final. Once the final heat has been rowed in each event, the draw will be made for the final lane draw by the Regatta Control and all Officials will be immediately notified.

Weather Conditions and Report

Weather conditions will be considered by 6.00am on the morning of the regatta, and any decision as to use an alternative course will be made. Any inquiries can be made on **01304 373409**.