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**Hosted by the Hants & Dorset Amateur  
Rowing Association.  
September, 2020.**

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The Hants & Dorset Amateur Rowing Association is aware that under the SCC Rules we are obliged to advise the Council at its January in 2019 AGM of our proposed venue and date for the 2020 Championship event – the next South Coast Championships scheduled to be hosted by the Association.

Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our immediate control we are not in a position to make a final recommendation – however we have identified three potential venues, which are included in this presentation which are all under consideration and we seek the approval of the South Coast Council to allow us more time to make a final decision.

A final decision will be taken within six months of the 2019 South Coast Council AGM.

The Association has three options under consideration – with more details on each on the attached sheets. These are - Netley/Victoria Country Park, Southampton; Swanage; Dorney Lake.

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## **THE POTENTIAL DATES/BOATS.**

- **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 are – Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.**
  - **All three venues would be able to accommodate the six championship events and the nine Open and Invitation events over at least a 1,800m course and the minimum number of Junior events over a 1,000m course. Additional Junior events would be offered if the event is held at Dorney Lake.**
  - **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 and Open events will be raced in Coastal Fours.**
  - **The Junior Regatta will be raced in Coastal Fours – unless the venue chosen is Dorney Lake when River Boats will be used although some Coastal Events will be offered.**
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**OPTION 1 – the preferred option.**

**Netley/Royal Victoria Country Park, Southampton.**



- The date of a South Coast Championship Regatta at Netley/Victoria Country Park, Southampton would be 12<sup>th</sup> September 2020.
- Course last used for a Championships in 1991.
- Facilities are excellent and provisional discussions have taken place with stake holders and some costings established.
- The course for the Championship and Open events would be 1800m – with 1000 metres for the Junior course.
- The alternative course for Championship events only would be Dock Head, Southampton.
- The Venue would allow all championship and open events and a limited number of Junior events to take place.



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**OPTION 2 – 2<sup>nd</sup> choice. SWANAGE.**



- **The date of a South Coast Championship Regatta at Swanage would be 12<sup>th</sup> September 2020.**
  - **Course last used for a Championships in 2014.**
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- Should be possible to share some facilities with other events taking place which would reduce costs.
  - Swanage Council have been made aware that we may want to stage the event in the Town and of the date which we believe clashes with the marathon – although this could be to our advantage - and the council are very supportive.
  - Venue would allow all championship and open events and a limited number of Junior events.
  - The alternative course would probably be in Poole Harbour as it was in 2014.



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**OPTION 3 – would be a return to DORNEY LAKE.**



- The date of a South Coast Championship Regatta at Dorney Lake would be 5<sup>th</sup> September 2020.
  - Course last used for a Championships in 2017.
  - A provisional reservation has been made.
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- Although facilities and course are excellent (probably the fairest course of any of the SCC venues) and we are very familiar with organising an event the concern is the high cost to stage – in the region of £28,000
  - Venue would allow all championship and open events and an extensive Junior Regatta including small boats.





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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 and 2017 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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## **ACCOMMODATION & RECEPTION, PRIZE GIVING & REGATTA PARTY, PARKING.**

- **At all three venues there is an abundance of accommodation and entertainment to suit all budgets in the immediate area.**
  - **All three venues have appropriate locations for the Friday evening reception, the prize giving and an after regatta party near to or at the Regatta Location.**
  - **All three venues have ample parking for Club Trailers and spectators.**
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## 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, 2014 and 2017 have indicated their willingness to serve again for 2020 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.
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## COMMUNICATIONS.

- Good communication is a one of the keys to a well run event. The organising committee of the 2020 South Coast Rowing Championships will, as we have in the past, use, in addition to the usual methods of communication –
  - A Website for the Regatta – as part of the H&DARA Website – with a “quick link” of – [www.hdara.co.uk/scc](http://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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## THE COST.

- The Hants & Dorset ARA has already raised a significant amount towards this funding to stage this event via the seat levy imposed at Hants & Dorset Regatta's.
  - Regardless of venue 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 momentous for all competitors.
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