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## **HENLEY ROYAL REGATTA 2021 PRE-REGATTA TRAINING ARRANGEMENTS DORNEY LAKE**

### **General Instructions**

The boating area for Henley Royal Regatta is, for the 2021 Regatta only, to be located at Fawley Meadows on the Buckinghamshire side of the river rather than the traditional Boat tents on the Berkshire side of the river.

In order to minimise vehicle and people traffic in Henley in the run up to the Regatta the Fawley Meadows boating area will not open for trailers until Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August at 10.00 am and boating will not be permitted from Fawley Meadows until Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August at 8.00 am.

The Regatta Qualification Races will be run at Eton College Dorney Lake (Dorney) on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August. In order to allow crews required to qualify for the Regatta and crews who have a direct entry to the Regatta to train, the Regatta is making Dorney available for training on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> and the morning of Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August. No training will be permitted on the day of the Qualification Races, 7<sup>th</sup> August.

All crews entering the Regatta must check the published document [‘Crews Required to Qualify and Timetable’](#) on this website to see if they are required to row in Qualifying Races in their event.

Crews taking part in the Qualification Races should read the separate instructions relating specifically to this event can be found [here](#).

**Note: Competitors are advised to access Dorney via Lake End Road – Satnav will likely direct traffic via Huntercombe Lane which is not suitable for trailer traffic. Competitors should also be aware that there are temporary traffic lights in operation on Lake End Road operating between 4<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> August.**

**PLEASE NOTE the M4 will be closed in both directions over the weekend 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> August from J4b (M25) and J5 (Langley) so check your route in advance and allow extra time for travel.**

### **COVID Protection Measures**

It is the duty of everyone attending Dorney for training and/or the Qualifying Races to have regard for their own safety and the safety of others particularly in these current times.

This applies throughout the Competition venue. We have in place specific measures for Competitors, Coaches, Officials, Staff and Contractors accessing Dorney.

It is a requirement of the Regatta that anybody attending Dorney for training or the Qualifying Races should, prior to visiting Dorney, complete and submit a Covid Self-declaration form which can be found [here](#).

Although England is released from lockdown all attendees at Dorney and the Regatta (including Qualifying Races) are expected to follow the “pre-unlocking protocols”, in common with most regattas in 2021. This includes the wearing of face masks at all times when social distancing is not possible, for example in queues, the boating area, crew enquiries etc. Masks are mandatory in buildings and enclosed areas.

Enclosed areas will include any club gazebo unless it has at least two sides open (it is the club’s responsibility to manage this).

The Regatta is committed to ensuring the health and wellbeing of its competitors and officials. Crews train for a long period of time to compete at the Regatta and these protective measures do not just protect individuals, but everyone at the Regatta.

Coxes will be required to follow current British Rowing guidance on face coverings during training (see pages 26 and 27 in BR Guidance at ([210720-Managing-COVID-19-v14.pdf](#) ([britishrowing.org](#))).

### ***Arrival, Parking and Rigging***

Training at Dorney and the Qualifying Races are taking place “behind closed doors” and ONLY competitors and coaches are permitted to attend. Any spectators who gain access to the venue will be required to leave.

Security staff at the gates will have a list of competing crews and will check visitors against this list to ensure that only competitors, coaches and officials gain access. You will be directed to the competitors’ car parking area. Please limit the number of vehicles arriving at the venue.

Vehicles towing trailers will be directed to the trailer park where marshals will instruct drivers where to park. (Note: you may be asked to move your trailer on the afternoon of Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August if it is occupying spaces reserved for crews required to race in the Qualification Races).

Boats should be rigged at the trailer park and kept there prior to training and returned there afterwards. No boats are to be stored on the usual grassed racking areas.

### ***Reporting***

Training crews should register at Crew Enquiries on arrival each day and sign out on departure. Crew Enquiries is located in the boat bay adjacent to Dorney reception.

Note: face coverings must be worn when registering and signing out.

### ***Access to the lake for training***

Access to the venue and training times are as follows. Please do not try to access the venue any earlier than the specified access times and please ensure that you leave by the stated times.

| <b>DAY</b>                        | <b>CREW ACCESS</b> | <b>TRAINING ON THE COURSE</b>    | <b>VACATE SITE</b> |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| THURSDAY                          | 9.00 AM            | 10.00 AM to 6.30 PM              | 7.00 PM            |
| FRIDAY                            | 9.00 AM            | 10.00 AM to 6.30 PM              | 7.00 PM            |
| SATURDAY -<br>QUALIFYING<br>RACES | 7.30 AM            | NO TRAINING<br>CLOSED FOR RACING | 7.00 PM            |
|                                   | 10.00 AM           | FIRST RACE                       |                    |
| SUNDAY                            | 8.00 AM            | 9.00 AM to 2.00 PM               | 3.00 PM            |

### ***Circulation Pattern during training***

Circulation on the lake will follow the normal Dorney circulation pattern as shown on the attached plan. Access to the warm-up lake during training days is not permitted.

During training, boating will be from the boating pontoons as shown on the plan. For the Qualification Races boating will be from the warm-up lake following the pattern used at the Metropolitan and Marlow Regattas.

### ***Bicycles on the Towpaths***

Coaches are permitted to follow their crews during training but must follow the circulation pattern shown on the attached plan. Any coach flouting this rule will place the continued participation of their crew in the Regatta at risk.

### ***Medical provision and safety cover***

Safety crews will be on the water on training days. First Aid provision will be on site during the hours of training and racing from Friday to Sunday inclusive.

### ***Departure***

At your own risk trailers may be left at Dorney overnight from Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August.

ALL trailers MUST be removed from Dorney by 3.00 pm on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August.

### ***Note for Competing Boats at Henley***

Trailers will not be permitted to access the Regatta Boating Area at Fawley Meadows until Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August at 10 am and crews will not be permitted to access the river at Henley from Fawley Meadows until the morning of Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August at 8.00 am.

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Secretary.