TRAFFIC RULES
AND
TRAINING TIMES

For the Committee of Management

Regatta Headquarters
Henley-on-Thames

Secretary
Henley Royal Regatta
1. TRAFFIC RULES DURING TRAINING.
To Friday 5th July at 5.00 pm
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On Monday, 17th June (at 6.00 am) the traffic rules on the river will be changed under direction of the Environment Agency to allow crews to use the Course as during the Regatta i.e. rowing from the Start to the Finish between the booms.

Crews must go downstream from the Barrier between the red buoys and then circulate in a clockwise direction within the warm-up area. The line of white and orange buoys will be installed by Wednesday, 19th June. See plan opposite which will also be clearly displayed in the Boat Tent Area.

In addition coaches and competitors must note the following:-

The normal rules of navigation apply in the Bucks channel, competitors must comply with any navigational directions issued by the Environment Agency.

If you wish to use the Berks channel you may only cross the Course at the two official crossing points – the mile and an eighth signal and the Barrier (marked with green flags).

Downstream from the Barrier all crews must stay within the warm-up area (marked by the line of red buoys) and must not go past the line of yellow buoys.

Crews may only enter the Course at the Start.

Crews should be aware of the filming platform adjacent to the Start.

Crews stopping on the Course (particularly at the Barrier or at Fawley) must not obstruct following crews. Crews on the Course, rowing towards the Finish, have absolute right of way at all times over those ahead of them.
2. TRAFFIC RULES DURING RACING – WEDNESDAY TO FRIDAY 5.00 pm
from 30 minutes before the first race in each session until the end of the last race in each session.

NB The Regatta Water Rescue Service is in operation during these same periods.

All crews must be off the Course 30 minutes before the start of the first race in any session.
2. TRAFFIC RULES DURING RACING
WEDNESDAY TO FRIDAY 5.00 pm

During each day of racing the normal rules of navigation apply in the Bucks channel, crews must comply with any navigational directions issued by the Environment Agency and displayed on the Crew Notice Board.

On Wednesday, 3rd July, Thursday, 4th July and to Friday 5.00 pm, 5th July the racing traffic rules are as shown on the plan opposite and will also be clearly displayed in the Boat Tent Area. In addition coaches and competitors must note the following:-

- If the crew wishes to cross over to the Berks channel then this can only take place at the mile and an eighth crossing.
- The navigation channel will become very crowded, particularly between the mile signal and Fawley – great care is needed at all times.
- Crews are asked to paddle from the pontoons to the Barrier as steadily and as quickly as possible and to reserve their practice starts and bursts of hard rowing until they are in the warm-up area, downstream of Temple Island.
- Crews should stay in the warm-up area and must not go past the line of yellow buoys.
- Crews should allow extra time from the pontoons to the start area to ensure that they are not delayed by other river users and that they are at the Start in good time.
- Crews should be aware of the filming platform adjacent to the Start.
- Between the top of Temple Island and as far as the Barrier, a low-wash TV camera catamaran will be operating next to the Course as part of the filming of the 2019 Regatta. It will travel inside its own buoyed lane and will track alongside each race. Crews should take particular care when crossing the Course at the Barrier and at the top of the Island where the catamaran will be turning.
- As last year, a drone will be deployed to gather pictures from the air. Crews should not stop within 20 metres of the drone platforms, when in use, for safety reasons.

Cooling down is not permitted on the Course after racing.

Any crew using the river upstream of Henley Bridge for cooling down does so at its own risk – crews must go upstream only through the arches on the Church side of the bridge – using the centre arch of the bridge is forbidden, in either direction.
NO WAITING ZONE

START

TEMPLE ISLAND

NAVIGATION CHANNEL

BIG ORANGE TURNING BUOY

RED BUOYS

WHITE AND ORANGE BUOYS

YELLOW BUOYS

TURNING BUOY

NO TRAINING DOWNSTREAM OF YELLOW BUOYS
3. CIRCULATION PATTERN IN WARM-UP AREA

Downstream from Temple Island all crews must stay within the warm-up area (marked by the line of red buoys) and must not go past the line of large yellow buoys at the downstream end.

Crews must circulate in a clockwise manner around the line of alternate white and orange buoys.

Crews must turn around the big orange ‘turning buoy’.

Crews must take great care when practising a ‘start’ as the warm-up area is restricted in width and is located around a bend in the river – this means that it is not possible to go ‘straight’ for more than a limited number of strokes.

During the days of racing the downstream section of the warm-up area is further restricted by a line of moored boats on the Berkshire bank.

Crews waiting to come on to the Start should wait downstream of the “No Waiting Zone” to allow a clear area for the Umpire’s launch to turn.

4. COACHES ON THE TOWPATH

For many years there has been a convention that Coaches on the towpath, whether on foot or bicycle, keep to the right and Coaches with crews coming up the Course always have right of way over Coaches going downstream. Notwithstanding this convention, Coaches are reminded that pedestrians using the towpath have the right of way at all times and Coaches using the towpath do so at their own risk and without the approval of the Regatta.
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The crossing at the mile and an eighth signal will be closed off from the navigation channel from 5.00 pm on Friday 5th July.

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On Friday afternoon, 5th July, Saturday, 6th July and Sunday, 7th July the racing traffic rules are as shown on the plan opposite and will also be clearly displayed in the Boat Tent Area. In addition coaches and competitors must note the following:-

Crews should paddle down inside the Course from the Finish to the crossing at the mile and an eighth signal and then move into the Berks channel.

Races will be at 10 minute intervals – crews going to the Start must be ready to move down the Course immediately after a race has just finished.

Crews will only be allowed on to the Course at the Finish (on their way to the Start) within a 2 minute period after the end of a race.

It is essential that crews move quickly down past the Enclosures and into the Berks channel well before the next race on the Course approaches Fawley.

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7. TRAINING TIME RESTRICTIONS

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