

BURTON AMATEUR REGATTA

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COMPETITOR INFORMATION

Thank you for your entries to this year's Burton Regatta. Please find below the competitor information for the event, including our Regatta Rules, Safety Information, notes on our Boat Pairing system and plans showing 'on the river' circulation and marshalling instructions. Please ensure that all of your crews see a copy of this information.

Access to Site

Access to the Regatta Meadows is from Watson Street, Burton upon Trent. The postcode to use for SatNav users is **DE14 3AH**.

Directions to site from the various roads into Burton upon Trent may be found at our website www.burtonregatta.co.uk/contact.htm

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR TRAILER TOWERS

As previous visitors to Burton Regatta may recall, we have a flood defence hump on the access road to the regatta meadows. This hump is impossible to pass over with a loaded boat trailer and an attempt to do so may cause **SERIOUS DAMAGE TO THE TOWING VEHICLE, TRAILER AND/OR BOATS**.

There is a bypass road around the hump which we are legally obliged by the East Staffordshire Borough Council to keep locked, but we will open when necessary to allow boat trailers to pass onto the field. If this gate is not manned when you arrive there will be a mobile phone number posted on a board adjacent to the gate of the supervisor with the key who will be somewhere on the regatta field and will be with you within a few minutes.

If you have any problems call Richard Gipson on 07828 144835.

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TRY TO PASS OVER THE FLOOD DEFENCE HUMP
WITH A BOAT TRAILER**

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REGATTA RULES

1. The Laws and Rules of the Amateur Rowing Association shall govern the regatta.
2. All competitors must comply with the ARA Water Safety Code and follow the instructions given in the Regatta Safety Plan. Crews must comply with the Marshalling and Circulation Rules(as displayed on the notice board) which apply over the regatta course. No practising is allowed on the course from 15 minutes before the first race. No practice starts are allowed on the course after racing has begun.
3. All Challenge Cups remain the property of the Regatta Association and none will be allowed to be taken away from the Regatta by winning crews or scullers.
4. The course will be divided into two stations viz:

No.1 Station – Stapenhill Side
No.2 Station – Burton(Enclosure) Side

The crew or sculler drawn first in each race will take No.1 Station.
5. Fees must be paid before a crew is allowed to race. Fees paid on the day will be subject to a premium payment. A crew which withdraws from an event after inclusion in the programme will still be liable for the entry fee.
6. Crews will be distinguished by numbers on the back of the bowman or the sculler corresponding to their numbers in the programme. It is the responsibility of the crews and scullers to collect their numbers from the Regatta Control Office and to ensure that they are securely affixed with the pins provided. **All numbers must be collected by 2.30 p.m.** Numbers will not be issued to crews whose entry forms and registration numbers have not been deposited with the Secretary.
7. Competitors will report to the Boat Stages 20 minutes before their scheduled race time and **shall be at the Start two minutes before the time of their race.** Failure to do so may result in disqualification by the Starter. **COMPETITORS WILL NOT BE CALLED AND CREWS ‘DOUBLING UP’ MUST ADHERE TO THE TIMETABLE.**
8. Coxswains who do not weigh the minimum regulation weight (**55Kg. for adult Men’s, J16, J18 and Mixed Events; 50Kg. for Adult Women’s, WJ16, and WJ18 Events; 45Kg. for all J15 and Younger**) must carry deadweight which must be provided by the Clubs themselves. **Note:** All coxes MUST weigh in at Control Commission at least one hour before their first race, where they will be issued with a Weight Ticket which they must be prepared to produce when requested by an authorised official.
9. Umpires will be identified by Official’s Badges, and carry a megaphone, a red and a white flag, and a bell which may be used in the event of incidents during a race, in accordance with the ARA rules of racing.
10. The Association reserves the right to refuse any entry and to make any alterations as may appear necessary for the better running of the Regatta.

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REGATTA SAFETY PLAN

Traffic Control

Please refer to the enclosed 'Circulation and Marshalling Instructions' which must be adhered to at all times as indicated on the course plan. Crews must not practise or warm up on the course – the areas for warming up/down are shown on the plan. Crews should launch from the upstream stage and land at the downstream stage whenever possible.

Safety Boats

Safety boats will be stationed at the side of the course as indicated. Their crews are in radio contact with Regatta Control, Umpires and First Aid Station. All launches are equipped with throw lines and crews are advised to take **all** casualties (however minor) to the First Aid Station for any necessary treatment.

Medical Assistance

A First Aid Station is located on the regatta field just outside the Regatta Enclosure, 250m before the finish line. They are in radio contact with the Safety Boats and Course Umpires.

Danger Points

Crews should take care and keep well into the side when approaching the Commentary Point on Saturday and the Start on Sunday, listening carefully to the instructions from the Boat Marshal. Care should also be taken when approaching the Fence Umpire's position on Saturday, as weeds present a potential capsizing hazard in this area.

Key Addresses and Telephone Numbers

A mobile phone is available at the Regatta Office for emergency use. The nearest public telephone is across the Ferry Bridge in Main St., Stapenhill, outside the Punch Bowl Public House.

Nearest **Pharmacy** – ASDA, Octagon Centre, Park St. (Sundays 10.00a.m.-4.00pm) -- Tel: **(01283) 523200**

Nearest **Chemist** – Dean & Smedley, 71 Main St., Stapenhill - - - - - Tel: **(01283) 564800**

Nearest **Hospital** – Queen's Hospital, Belvedere Rd. A & E Department, - - - - - Tel: **(01283) 566333**

Nearest **Doctors** - Trent Meadows Medical Centre, 87 Wood Street - - - - - Tel **(01283) 845555**
Stapenhill Medical Centre, Fyfield Road - - - - - Tel **(01283) 515648**

Burton Police Station – Horninglow St. - - - - - Tel: **(01283) 565011**

Burton Fire and Rescue Service - - - - - Tel: **(01283) 563821**

Water Safety Adviser: Peter Gipson Tel: (01283) 567627 or **07957 716589**

Regatta Control: Richard Gipson Mobile **07828 144835**

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EMERGENCY INSTRUCTIONS FOR CREWS AND OFFICIALS

In an Emergency :-

- **Inform Control immediately. Give as much information of the incident as possible. Be clear and concise.**
- **Stop All Racing.**
- **Control to take charge or nominate an Official to do so.**
- **Safety Boats and First Aid to be alerted.**
- **Capsized crews should stay with their boat. Crew captains should take charge until safety boat arrives.**
- **Umpires should use Throwlines if they think it is appropriate.**
- **All involved in the incident must be checked by First Aid.**
- **Racing will resume when Control is satisfied that it is safe to do so.**
- **Keep radio messages brief and concise throughout.**

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL CREWS

BOAT PAIRING

An area has been designated adjacent to the Trailer Park as a **BOAT MARSHALLING AREA** where boat pairing and checking will take place. Crews will not be permitted to boat until paired with their opposition and/or given permission by the **BOAT PAIRING MARSHAL**. Crews should proceed into the Boat Marshalling Area and make themselves known to the Boat Pairing Marshal at the Control Point. As soon as a crew has been paired with their opposition and the necessary checks have been carried out by the Control Commission Umpires the crews will be permitted to boat from the upstream landing stage. Crews will only be held waiting for their opposition until **20 MINUTES BEFORE RACE TIME ON SATURDAY** and **15 MINUTES BEFORE RACE TIME ON SUNDAY** at which point they will be permitted to boat. Missing crews will be called to the marshalling area but ultimately it is their responsibility to allow sufficient time to avoid **disqualification for being late at the start.**

Please try to be in the boat marshalling area prior to the limiting times indicated above. If you know and see your opposition and arrive together that would be very helpful. Please inform Regatta Control at the earliest opportunity of crews that have scratched. If, for whatever reason, you have problems getting to the marshalling area send a representative to the Pairing Marshal – provided your opposition is in the marshalling area and your boat has been checked you will be permitted to boat. **Please do not proceed to the start without informing the Boat Pairing Marshal.**

RETIMING OF RACES

This year we will again allow re-timing of races but in general crews will only be given one opportunity to re-time a race. **Only in the most exceptional circumstances will Regatta Control allow the re-timing of an already re-timed race.** If you wish to re-time a race you must inform Race Control in the Portacabin, have the agreement of both crews, and most importantly agree a race time, confirmed by Race Control, that can be **realistically** met by both crews. The Boat Pairing Marshal will be informed of the new race time and will expect the crews at the appropriate time.

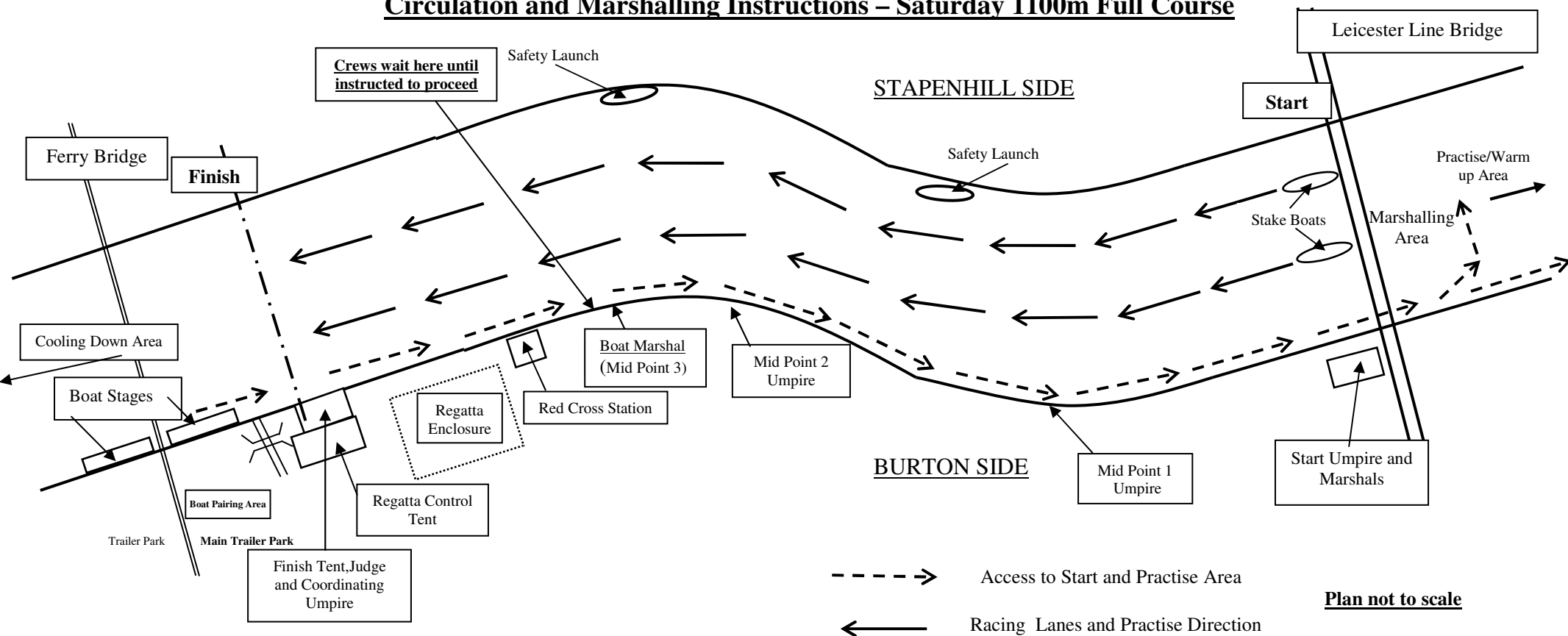
The Regatta Committee hope the above measures will help with the smooth running of the regatta, leading to your overall enjoyment of the event and hopefully eliminating long waits at the start.

*****BOAT CIRCULATION*****

Crews will proceed to the Start on the **Burton Side** on both days, to the **Boat Marshal/ Mid Course Umpire** located downstream of the final course bend. Crews will wait in this location until instructed by the Boat Marshal to proceed to the Start. **PLEASE REFER TO CIRCULATION AND MARSHALLING INSTRUCTIONS FOR DETAILS.**

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Circulation and Marshalling Instructions – Saturday 1100m Full Course

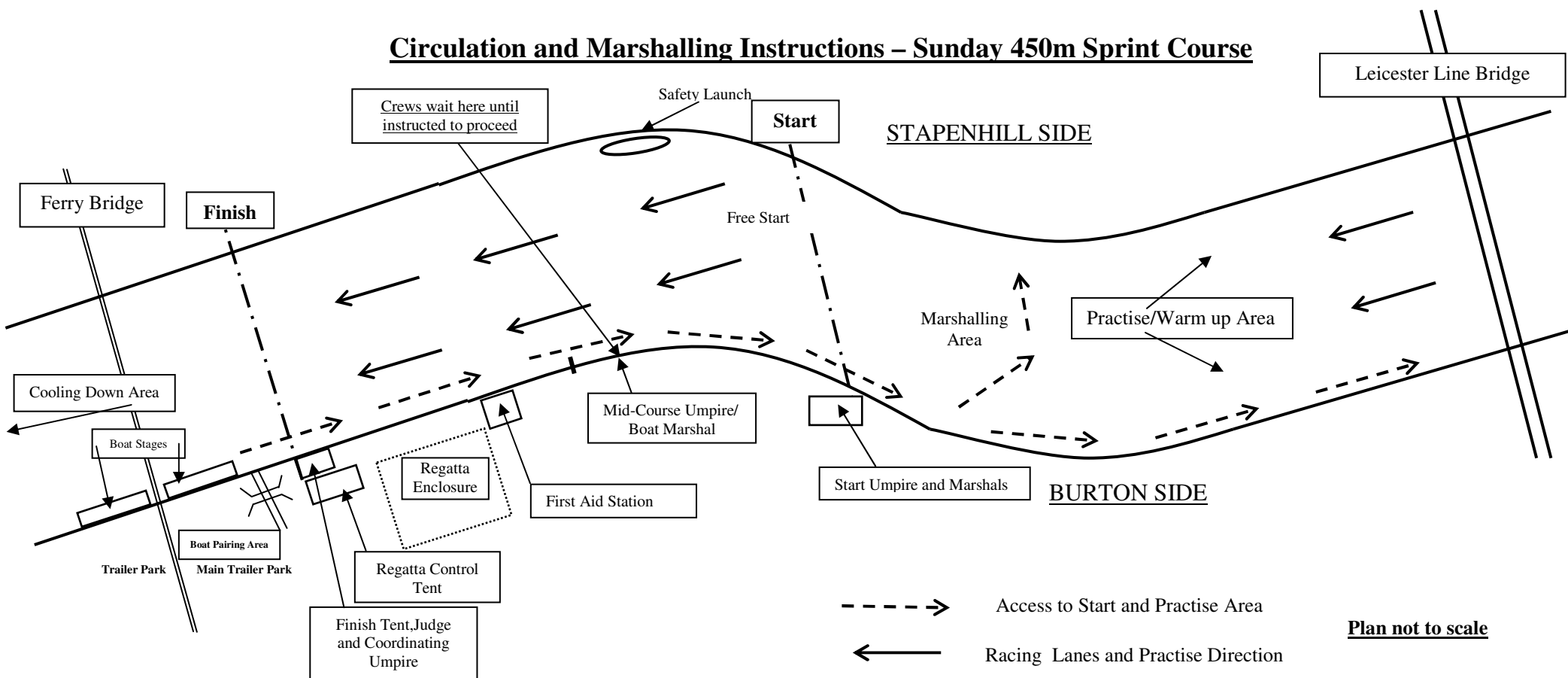


MARSHALLING INSTRUCTIONS

All crews must boat from the stage upstream of the Ferry Bridge and proceed on the Burton Side to the Boat Marshal (Mid Point 3). Here, they will wait until the Boat Marshal instructs them to proceed up round Mid Point 2 Umpire to the Start, staying on the Burton Side, through the railway bridge, and into the Marshalling Area to await their race time. Crews should endeavour to keep close into the bank but be aware of weed growth particularly in the area of the Mid Point 1 Umpire. Crews wishing to practise should proceed up past the Start on the Burton Side and only carry out practise in the downstream racing direction well away from the Marshalling Area above the Start and remain vigilant for other crews in the practise area. **IF IT IS CLOSE TO YOUR RACE TIME DO NOT GO FAR FROM THE MARSHALLING AREA OR YOU MAY MISS YOUR CALL ONTO THE START AND BE DISQUALIFIED!!!** Crews should land at the downstream stage after their race. If one landing stage is busy and the other relatively clear, crews may use the alternative stage if given permission. Crews wishing to warm down after a race should proceed downstream of the Ferry Bridge but be aware there are tight bends in the river in this area.

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Circulation and Marshalling Instructions – Sunday 450m Sprint Course



MARSHALLING INSTRUCTIONS

All crews must boat from the landing stage and proceed to the Start on the Burton Side. Crews should wait below the start until instructed by the Mid-Course Umpire to proceed into the Marshalling Area to await their race time. Crews should boat from the stage upstream of the Ferry Bridge and keep close into the bank being aware of races on the course. Crews wishing to practise should proceed up past the Start on the Burton Side and only carry out practise in the downstream racing direction well away from the Marshalling Area above the Start and remain vigilant for other crews in the practise area. If it is close to your race time **DO NOT GO FAR FROM THE MARSHALLING AREA OR YOU MAY MISS YOUR CALL ONTO THE START AND BE DISQUALIFIED!!!** Crews should land at the downstream stage after their race. If one landing stage is busy and the other relatively clear, crews may use the alternative stage if given permission. Crews wishing to warm down after a race should proceed downstream of the Ferry Bridge but be aware there are tight bends in the river in this area. There will be a Free Start on the short course.