

## Maidenhead Junior Regatta

## **Invitation Regatta**

Under British Rowing Rules of Racing and 'Row Safe'

## Sunday, 14th May 2023

Below the Brunel Sounding Arch 500 metres upstream from a free start

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J12 & WJ12	Combined event for Junior Beginner A* and B**
J13 & WJ13	Junior Beginner A* and Junior Beginner B** events
J14 & WJ14	Junior Beginner A* and Junior Beginner B** events
J15 & WJ15	Junior Beginner A* and Junior Beginner B** events

For the purposes of this regatta the following criteria apply:

- \* **Junior Beginner A** is for crews who have rowed for less than 2 years, have some racing experience but with limited or no success i.e. not likely to qualify for A or B finals at a National event. Likely points range 0-250.
- \*\* **Junior Beginner B** is for crews who are in their first year of rowing, this may be their first regatta. Likely points range 0-120.

Racing will be on a repechage basis wherever possible to maximise the amount of racing for all crews. This is dependent on numbers of entries in each category.

We respectfully ask that coaches/entry secretaries only enter crews which fall into these ability categories. One of the main aims of Maidenhead Junior Regatta is to provide a venue where less experienced / less successful juniors can enjoy more of a chance of winning than at a traditional style regatta. However, they must be capable of steering the course and manoeuvring their boat safely. Please double check with the Entries Secretary if you are uncertain about categories. Crews are only allowed to race 1 year above their age category.

Composite crews that include members of other invited clubs are welcome, by prior arrangement with the Regatta Entries Secretary.

Pewter tankards will be awarded by **Greg Searle MBE** to winning crews in all events in which two or more crews start.

Every competitor must be registered with British Rowing.

Entries close on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 at 6pm. All entries must be via BROE.

In the event of cancellation of the Regatta a proportion of the fee will be returned once costs have been met. If the overall entry to the Regatta is such that it is not financially viable, we reserve the right to cancel the event and refund race fees.

If an event proves to be over-subscribed, we will reject entries on a last-in first-out basis.

Cost per seat £14.00 (coxes exempt): all payments must be made via BROE.

Queries to: Carolyn Smithson, Regatta Entry Secretary regatta@maidenheadrc.org.uk

Food and refreshments will be available throughout the day. Disabled access to the club is available.

## **Entry Criteria**

Quads - J13/WJ13 up to J15/WJ15 are split into Beginner A, Beginner B

**Beginner B Category** is for those juniors who have been rowing for about a year or so, or who are basically recreational rowers and would like to join the excitement of an event like ours but are shy of going to other events. This may be their first regatta.

Likely points range 0-120. If your crew is outside this range please consider if they should be Category A as many of the participants will have zero points.

**Beginner A Category** is for those juniors who have been rowing regularly for up to 2 years and may have competed at the occasional head/regatta but with limited success. We ask you not to enter any crews who would have a chance of getting to the A or B final at a National Event, ie Nat Schools, Nat Champs, JIRR etc.

Likely points range 0-250. If your crew is outside this range please consider if this is the right level of competition for them based on the ethos of the Regatta.

All events will run a Repechage format so that losers in the first round have another chance to row in that event.

Events may be split into groups depending on the size of entry and spread of points.

We do ask you not to enter any juniors who don't fall into these categories to retain the ethos of our Regatta.

If you have any queries please email Carolyn Smithson at regatta@maidenheadrc.org.uk