

Greenbank Regatta 2023 – information for competitors

Timings

- **By 10am** – clubs to advise the Regatta Secretary (based in the Watersports Centre classroom) of any crew changes as early as possible.
- **10am** – Umpires briefing – Watersports Centre classroom
- **10.15am** – Captain and coxes briefing – outside the Watersports Centre classroom.
- **After 10am** – any crew changes should be given to the finish umpires.
- **11am** – lake closes to other users and racing begins.
- **3.45pm to 4.45pm approx.** – scratch eights racing
- **5pm** – prizegiving

Regatta Secretary

- Until approx. 10.30am the Regatta Secretary will be based in the classroom in the Watersports Centre building. The door to the classroom is just off the grassed area. After 10.30am the Regatta Secretary will be mainly based around the finish tent which will be located on the grassed area outside the Watersports Centre.

Rules of racing

- The Regatta is held under the rules of racing of the West of England Amateur Rowing Association: <https://wearsa.co.uk/rules/>
- Crews must be at the start 5 minutes before the scheduled time of their race.
- Numbers should be visible on all boats.
- The programme is subject to any alteration by the committee or umpires when deemed necessary.
- Crews line up with the lowest numbered crew on starboard.
- Crews proceeding to the start must follow the route indicated on the plan of the course, taking note of the warning about the low water level in the section on Safety below.

Safety

- Please refer to the separate Regatta Safety Plan for full details.
- All crews must comply with the BR Row Safe code. Failure to do so could lead to disqualification.
- Neither the Regatta Committee nor South West Lakes can accept liability for accidents to persons or equipment.
- First Aid is provided by South West Lakes staff, located in the Watersports Centre.
- A captains/coxes briefing will take place at 10.15 outside the Watersports Centre building, near to the classroom where the Regatta Secretary is based.
- The Greenbank Committee will make an assessment, along with the Senior Umpire, as to the suitability of the conditions for racing for all crews or selected crews. If the Regatta goes ahead, it is the responsibility of the individual and/or club officials to make an assessment as to the ability of the crew/individual to cope with the conditions before going out on the water.

- All official Regatta safety boats will be equipped with a VHF radio set as will Regatta Officials on land and the Watersports Centre staff.

The course

- The course is approximately 1000m.
- Please note that there will be two finger buoys indicating the outside edges of the course at the finish – however these will be situated BEYOND the finish line and it is not compulsory to pass between them.

Parking

- South West Lakes Trust has imposed parking charges at Stithians Lake. Parking for the Regatta will be charged at £5 per car to include a regatta programme.
- Parking tickets will be sold on the gate on arrival and must be displayed in the vehicle.
- Only cash can be taken – please bring the correct amount if possible.
- Trailers will be directed through to the car park next to the Greenbank boathouse – please follow instructions given on arrival.

Refreshments

- Refreshments can be purchased from the catering tent on the grass area in front of the Watersports Centre.
- The café in the Watersports Centre – Wild Vibes – will also be open.

Changing rooms/toilets

- Facilities are located in the main Watersports Centre building.

Scratch eights

To round off what we hope will be a fun day of competitive racing for rowers and spectators, we're going to be offering scratch mixed eights racing after completion of the main race schedule. We will run as many rounds as we have competitors to fill, using two Greenbank eights.

To enter, please see the sign-up sheet in the refreshments tent - we'll need to know your gender and BR masters/junior age category (if applicable). Crews will be drawn at random but from several category bags in order to try to balance ages and genders as fairly as possible. The drawn crews themselves will be responsible for deciding on seat positions.

£2.50 (cash) per seat, open to anyone who knows how to handle a sweep blade at speed, J15 and older. Coxwains free to enter - please indicate if you'd be happy to cox or to row, depending on numbers.

We hope that all clubs have a very enjoyable regatta!