



## AVON COUNTY SPRING HEAD 2016

Under British Rowing Rules and Rules of Racing

Compliant with British Rowing Policy on Safeguarding and Protecting Children and Vulnerable Adults

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2016 on the River Avon at Saltford

Long course 3250m downstream at 10:00, 12:45 and 15:30

Short course ( J14 and below ) 1500m downstream at 9:45, 12:30 and 15:15

Races for adults and juniors - all ages - all boat types

Medals for winners of all contested categories

Entry fees:	£10 per seat, coxes free
Entries:	via BROE, payment on-line or by cheque or BACS
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Entries close:	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2016 at 2:00pm
Draw details:	Provisional details posted on the website by Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb Emailed out with safety docs and instructions

For further details see [www.avoncountyrowingclub.org.uk](http://www.avoncountyrowingclub.org.uk)

The Committee reserves the right to restrict entries for safety reasons

## **General Notes**

All categories of boat can be accommodated in each long division. It is possible to double up between all three long divisions although timings will be tight and crews will not be allowed to launch late. We will assume you have chosen your divisions so that doubling up is not a problem for crews or boats.

If, when you go into BROE, the division you wish to enter appears to be closed, this means it has been suspended as it is full or nearly so. Please do not then put your entry into another division and write in the notes that you really wanted to compete in the suspended division, as your entry cannot be accommodated there. If you want to make an entry into a suspended division, please mail [philippa@haringtonglass.co.uk](mailto:philippa@haringtonglass.co.uk) with your request including full details of the crews. Such requests will be accommodated if possible.

For the last three years, entries have had to be suspended earlier than the published closing time, while we considered whether any more entries could safely be accommodated.

**Divisions – please note ( times provisional ):**

**Division 1 – short course – launching at 08:45 and starting at 09:45**

**Division 2 – long course – launching at 08:30 and starting at 10:00**

**Division 3 – short course start – 12:30**

**Division 4 – long course start – 12:45**

**Division 5 – short course start – 15:15**

**Division 6 – long course start – 15:30**

The 2015 Race saw new measures introduced to reduce waiting times for crews so that the whole event runs on time. Please make sure you allow plenty of time for travel so you arrive with us in time for your crews to boat on schedule.

**Events set up are:**

**In the long divisions**

- Open and women's senior eights, coxed fours, coxless fours, coxless quads, pairs, doubles and singles, mixed eights and novice coxed quads.

- Open and Women's Masters B to H eights, coxed fours, coxless fours, coxless quads, pairs, doubles and singles. Please use the notes to say what status you are and if you are a mixed crew.
- Open and women's junior eights, fours, quads, pairs, doubles and singles, as appropriate, for J15 and above.
- Beginner J 16 coxed quads set up as J16B events

### **In the short divisions**

- Beginner J15 singles, doubles and coxed quads may enter the short course. They will be set up as J15B events.
- J14 octuples and J14, J13, J12 coxed quads, doubles and singles, open and women's. A J14 crew wanting to do the long course must be eligible to enter as J15 and octuples will be not be allowed in the long course.

### **For J12 and J13 events**

- Please note that if we get competition in OJ13, WJ13, OJ12 and WJ12, we will separate out the events, otherwise we will make them respectively OJ13 and OJ12.
- For J11, please enter as J12 and indicate that you are J11 in the Notes column.

## **Medals and categories 2016**

- Medal for the Head of the River ( on non-handicapped times )
- Medals for any contested category ( 2 to race ) e.g. OJ 17 1x, women's novice eights, Masters C 2x etc
- Medals for masters: Masters' handicaps will be applied by boat type, using the time of the winning senior boat of the appropriate type in the Head as the basis for the handicaps. Where different age categories are competing in the same boat type, the fastest masters' boat in each boat type after handicap will get a medal, unless it won a contested race within its own masters' category.

## **Notes on medals and categories**

"Boat type" means eight, coxed four, coxless four, coxed quad, coxless quad, pair, double, single and is applied separately for men and women.

To maximise the number of contested categories, crews with no opposition will be bumped up one category without consultation.

If scratches on the day mean that a category becomes uncontested, the remaining boat in that category will also be bumped up one category without consultation.

We would hope to run Masters Novice, Masters IM3 and Masters Open but will organise events as well as possible to get competition.

A competitor can only race once in any one event i.e. if the same novice eight wants to row the course twice, it can only do so if it races once as a novice eight and once as IM3.

A crew can win more than one medal but only if it enters two distinct events.

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