

Chester Regatta Volunteer training pack

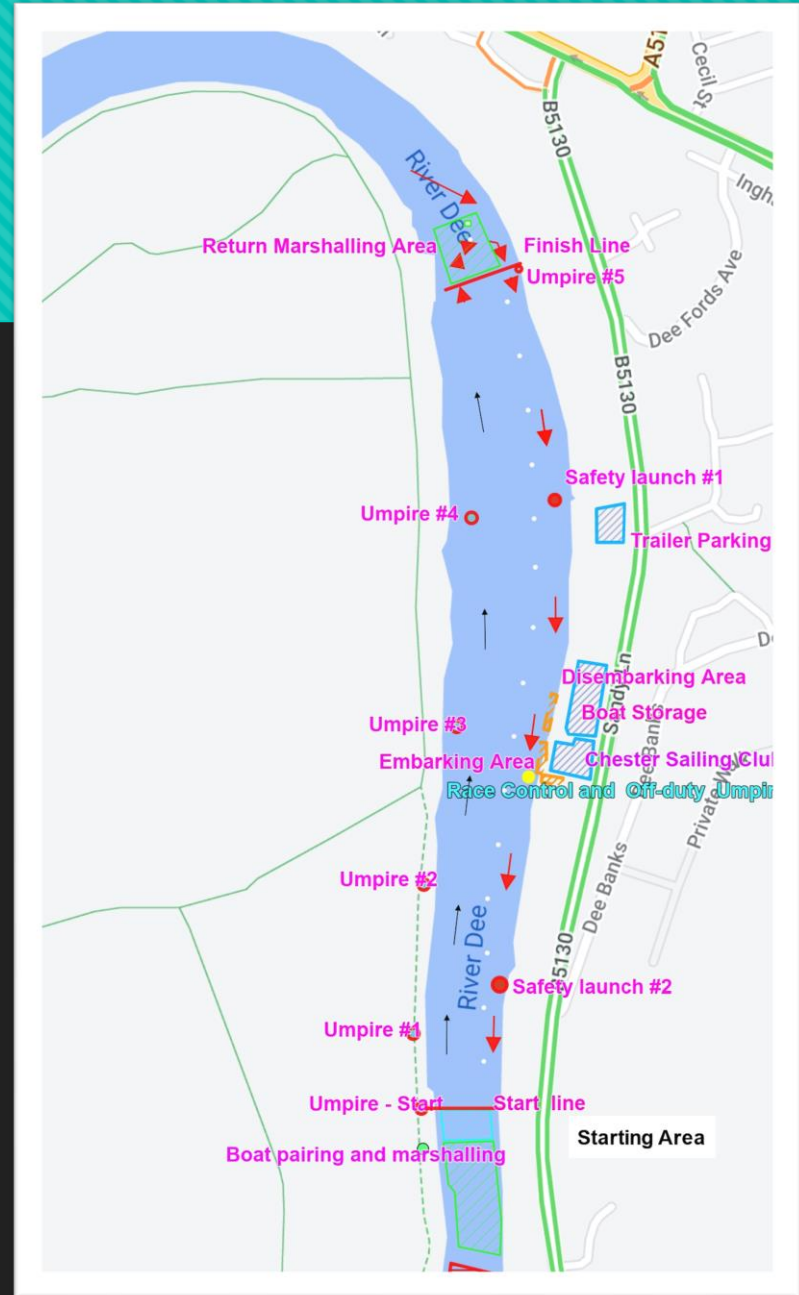
What are we going to do

- What different
- Show you the new 700m regatta course
- Explain each of the on course and boating roles
- Safety
- Operating hours
- Radio do's and don'ts (Separate slides)

Whats different in 2023

- 10 hours of non stop racing – That's a race every 3 minutes!
- Quick start in use
- The course has moved downstream by approximately 140m
- The course is a true measured 700m course for downstream racing
- Boat Pairing is no longer done at the sailing club and will be replaced by Crew Call
- Extra on water marshalls
- Extra umpires

The Course



On Course and Boating roles



Crew Call

Safety

- Safety plan has been produced
- We have two safety launches provided by chester boat to respond to incidents
- Marshalls in tin fish can observe but not rescue rowers
- If an incident occurs we will endeavor to recover it without affecting racing
- **IF YOU HEAR PAN PAN PAN OR MAYDAY ON THE RADIO MAINTAIN RADIO SILENCE UNTIL THE INCIDENT IS DECLARED OVER**

Radio Do's and Dont's

- Channel 1 – Essential race traffic only
- Channel 2 – Non race traffic
- Any sensitive communications, Use a Mobile Phone!!!!
- Do read the radio training pack, its really quick to go through (I still read it!)

Crew Call

- Designed to keep a steady flow of paired competitors to the marshalling area
- The umpire will send runners to find the crews
- Runners will find the crews and ask them to boat telling them their opposition and ask them to boat
- Crews will primarily boat from the sailing club
- Where a crew is boating from a home club, the spotter will notify control commission by radio to allow land based runners to find opposition

River operations and pleasure craft

- All non race traffic will use the lane on the enclosure side to go upstream and downstream on the river
- When the commercial pleasure craft are proceeding upstream, the Start umpire shall pause racing at an appropriate point, start marshalls will keep crews in the start zone to the meadows side allowing the commercial pleasure craft to turn at the red house and proceed downstream through the course
- **FOR SAFETY REASONS NO RACING CREWS SHALL BE PERMITTED UPSTREAM OF THE PROTRUDING TREE**

Start Marshalls

- Responsible for calling over paired crews from the enclosure side into the marshalling zone
- Keeping paired crews aligned in the marshalling zone
 - Any unpaired crews must be kept on the enclosure side of the river
- Making a clearway for the safe passage of commercial pleasure craft
- Preventing crews from proceeding upstream of the protruding tree
- Keeping the start area clear
- Paired crews will generally start in the order they arrive at the marshalling zone.
- The start umpire can issue specific instructions which must be followed

Finish Marshalls

- Key task to inform crews whether to proceed to disembarkation or the start
- Key task to look out for traffic travelling upstream and directing it to the enclosure side
- At least one marshal on the pontoon
- At least one launch based marshall

Other positions

- Start team – 1 x umpire, 1 x assistant (normally a trainee), 1 x scribe to record races run, observations and warnings issued by the umpires – Meadows based
- Umpire 1 – Meadows based
- Umpire 2 – Meadows based
- Umpire 3 – Launch based with regatta provided driver
- Umpire 4 – Launch based with regatta provided driver
- Finish – 1 x Umpire, 1 x assistant (normally trainee umpire), 1 x scribe, 1 x easyregatta operator (Private Garden with facilities)

- Meadows teams will be transported by ferry from the regatta side
- Finish team will be transported by launch

Operating Hours

- Start 08:00
- Finish 18:00
- Shifts 08:00-10:30, 10:30 – 13:00, 13:00- 15:30, 15:30 till close
- Crews – max 250
- Races – max 200

Safety team

- Two dedicated rescue launches will be stationed on the course on the enclosure side
- St Johns ambulance will be stationed on the enclosure side
- We can safely operate with one safety launch at any given time to allow for comfort breaks and dealing with incidents.
- If both safety launches become unavailable racing will be paused until at least one rescue craft is on station
- A member of the race committee will be stationed at the sailing club at all times with the power to make any and all necessary decisions relating to fair and safe racing.