

**WARGRAVE & SHIPLAKE REGATTA**  
FRIDAY AUGUST 7th 2015 - SATURDAY AUGUST 8th 2015

## CONDITIONS OF ENTRY & NOTES FOR COMPETITORS

**ALL ENTRIES CLOSE: 7pm TUESDAY JULY 14th 2015**

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY (especially arrangements in bold type) and RETAIN FOR REFERENCE**

### CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. This Regatta is held under rules based on RCC, TPC and SRA Rules of Racing. Entry to the events is governed by 'Conditions of Entry' to the Regatta. All competitors must abide by these, both during the event (Friday August 7th and Saturday August 8th), and when using Committee boats for practice prior to the Regatta.
2. Competitors, and in the case of persons under 18 their parents/guardians, must agree to abide by the regulations, rules and 'Conditions of Entry' to Wargrave & Shiplake Regatta. In particular, the Regatta Committee and any person acting for them, with or without their knowledge, shall not be liable for any loss, damage, death, or personal injury howsoever caused arising as a result of practising for, visiting, or participating in the Regatta. Entry for an event will be deemed by the Committee as acceptance of these rules and 'Conditions of Entry' by ALL members of a crew.
3. **All competitors enter entirely at their own risk, and must be able to swim at least 50 metres.**
4. All Entry Forms must be signed by a crew captain, who should ensure that each member of the crew is aware of the commitment that has been made on their behalf. Crew captains/competitors under the age of 18 must also obtain a signature from their parent/guardian, agreeing that the Committee shall not be liable for loss, damage, death or personal injury to participants howsoever caused, and confirming that those under 18 can swim at least 50 metres and will abide by the rules and 'Conditions of Entry' to the Regatta. One parent/guardian's signature will be deemed by the Committee as acceptance of these rules and 'Conditions of Entry' by ALL parents/guardians of those persons under 18 in that crew.
5. All entries must include First Name and Surname. The Committee reserves the right to refuse entries with names not filled in on the Entry Form. All names must be entered, including coxes. Nommes de Plume are not allowed. All junior competitors and all Veterans' Dongola Race competitors are required to list their name, date of birth and age on the Entry Form.
6. **Age qualifications are taken on the Saturday of the Regatta.**

**JUNIOR EVENTS: if a junior's birthday is on Saturday 8 August 2015, he/she will be INELIGIBLE to take part in a specific Junior event. If his/her birthday is Sunday 9 August 2015, he/she remains eligible.**

**VETERAN EVENTS: if a veteran's birthday is on Saturday 8 August 2015, he/she will be ELIGIBLE to take part in a specific Veteran event. If his/her birthday is Sunday 9 August 2015, he/she remains ineligible.**

7. To comply with SRA Rules of Racing, coxes in senior skiff events must be at least 8 stones or carry weights. Coxes will be expected to provide their own weights as appropriate. Scales will be provided to check weights as required. Coxes in Senior skiff events are expected to have achieved a reasonable level of competence and experience. Novice coxes should not be used. The Committee reserve the right to require crews to change Their coxes if they consider the safe and timely running of a race to be in question. To comply with SRA Rules of Racing, entry to events 1, 2 and 3 (Senior Skiff Racing events) is restricted to members of the Wargrave & Shiplake Regatta. Membership subscription is 10 pence, payable as part of the entry fees for those events.
8. **COMPETITORS ARE REMINDED that either an Enclosure Wristband or a Competitor's Wristband must be worn at all times.**

**THE ATTENTION OF ALL COMPETITORS IS DRAWN TO THE SAFETY ARRANGEMENTS OF THE REGATTA, WHICH MUST BE OBSERVED AT ALL TIMES.**

## NOTES FOR COMPETITORS

- A. To assist in the running of Wargrave & Shiplake Regatta, the event will normally be limited to a MAXIMUM of 400 races. Accordingly, the following restrictions will apply:
- Competitors - Junior, Senior and Veteran - may enter a MAXIMUM of 6 events only
  - AS REQUIRED and IF NECESSARY, events will be restricted as follows **(these figures are only for guidance and may change, and other events may be restricted if deemed necessary)**:
    - Senior Skiff events: a maximum of 32 crews per event
    - Junior/Veteran Skiff events: a maximum of 16 crews per event
    - Canoe Punting events: a maximum of 31 races per event
    - Grand Dongola Race: a maximum of 81 crews
  - Entries will be accepted in the order in which they are received
  - At the Committee's discretion, time trials may be held for events that are over-subscribed on the evening of Thursday August 6<sup>th</sup>. Competitors will be notified as and if appropriate
  - Entry fees for unsuccessful entries will be refunded in full
- B. All competitors must expect to race on Friday. THIS INCLUDES DONGOLAS. In exceptional circumstances, it may be possible to avoid an early heat for a competitor/crew. Whilst this cannot be guaranteed, please indicate your earliest available time on Friday (no later than 7pm) with a brief explanation, if applicable.
- C. All competitors must expect to provide their own paddles or punt poles. Boats and sculls ONLY are provided by the Committee and must be treated with the utmost respect. A limited number of paddles and punt poles are available for hire from the Regatta, and can be obtained on a first come first served basis, for both practice and at the Regatta. Competitors MAY NOT use their own sculls in the skiff races.

**D. Competitors under the age of 12 MUST wear a Buoyancy Aid for racing and at all times on the water.**

### E1. SENIOR DONGOLA EVENTS

#### GRAND DONGOLA RACE

- Open to all crews
- Crews must include at least two ladies
- Crews will race for the Dongola Grand Challenge Cup

#### THAMES DONGOLA RACE

- Aimed at those wishing to compete 'less seriously'
- Open only to competitors WHO DO NOT ENTER ANY OTHER EVENT (senior or junior; competing or coxing; sculling, paddling or punting)
- Crews must include at least two ladies
- Crews will race for the Rutter Jackson Trophy

#### VETERANS' DONGOLA RACE

- All crew members must be 45 years of age or over
- The total age of all crew members must add up to a MINIMUM of 300 years
- Ages of all crew members must be stated on the Entry Form
- Crews must include at least two ladies
- Crews will race for the Easterling Challenge Cup
- Competitors may only enter ONE Senior Dongola event
- **Competitors entering the Grand Dongola event MAY ALSO enter either the Junior Dongola Race or the Under 12 Dongola Race**
- **Competitors entering the Veterans' Dongola event MAY ALSO enter the Under 12 Dongola Race**
- No competitor may enter more than two Dongola races in total

***Should queries arise on the suitability of an individual or crew for a particular event, please do not hesitate to contact our Entries Secretary, Mrs N.Hounsell (Tel: 07734-110281).***

## E2. UNDER 12 DONGOLA

The Under 12 Dongola event aims to encourage the participation of juniors. **Competitors under the age of 12 MUST wear a Buoyancy Aid for racing and at all times on the water.** Entry qualifications are as follows:

- Each crew must comprise five children under 12 on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2015 (see note 6), at least two of which must be girls
- Each crew must be steered by an adult (male or female), who must be 18 years of age or over on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2015. This steerer must be fully competent. The Committee reserve the right to require a crew to change their steerer if they consider the safe and timely running of a race to be in question
- Entry to this event DOES NOT preclude either children or adults from entering any other Dongola event (except the Thames Dongola), senior or junior
- No competitor may enter more than two Dongola races in total

## E3. SCRATCH DONGOLA

Entries for the Scratch Dongola event will be taken from 10am Saturday August 8<sup>th</sup>. Only one entry per person will be accepted. Crews will be drawn from 12pm.

## F. SIDE BY SIDE DINGHY RACE

Coxes in Side by Side Dinghy Races may be ANY AGE. This aims to encourage a parent to accompany/cox very young entrants, when felt to be appropriate. We hope this will assist our youngest competitors in having the confidence to take part, and in getting to the Start and racing safely and enjoyably. **Competitors under the age of 12 MUST wear a Buoyancy Aid for racing and at all times on the water.**

## G. PRACTICE

It is our intention to make a number of boats available for practice from Wargrave and Shiplake from MONDAY JULY 20<sup>th</sup> to WEDNESDAY AUGUST 5<sup>th</sup> inclusive. A nominal charge per boat half hour will be made.

Only those persons from whom an Entry Form has been received - duly completed, signed and agreeing to abide by the rules and 'Conditions of Entry' to Wargrave & Shiplake Regatta - will be allowed to use these boats for practice.

**Arrangements for practice will be e-mailed to all entrants on WEDNESDAY JULY 15<sup>th</sup>, allowing several days to make bookings prior to the start of practice.**

OFFICIAL PROGRAMMES, GIVING DETAILS AND TIMINGS OF ALL RACES, WILL BE ON SALE IN WARGRAVE AND SHIPLAKE ON THURSDAY JULY 30<sup>th</sup>.

THE ATTENTION OF ALL COMPETITORS IS DRAWN TO THE SAFETY ARRANGEMENTS OF THE REGATTA, WHICH MUST BE OBSERVED AT ALL TIMES. These can be found on the Regatta's website at <http://www.wsregatta.co.uk/safety.php>

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**EVENT AGE QUALIFICATIONS**

**SENIOR EVENTS**

1. Gentlemen's Double Sculling Skiff Race	No age qualifications
2. Ladies' Double Sculling Skiff Race	No age qualifications
3. Lady's and Gentleman's Double Sculling Skiff Race	No age qualifications
4. Gentleman's Single Canadian Canoe Race	No age qualifications
5. Lady's and Gentleman's Canadian Canoe Race	No age qualifications
6. Grand Dongola Race	No age qualifications
7. Thames Dongola Race	No age qualifications
8. Gentleman's Single Punting Race (Handicap)	No age qualifications
9. Lady's Single Punting Race (Handicap)	No age qualifications
10. Lady's and Gentleman's Double Punting Race (Handicap)	No age qualifications
11. Gentleman's Single Punting in Canoes	No age qualifications
12. Ladies' Double Punting in Canoes	No age qualifications
13. Double Punting in Canoes	No age qualifications
14. Lady's Dinghy Race	No age qualifications

**JUNIOR EVENTS**

***If a junior's birthday is on Saturday 8th August 2015, he/she will be INELIGIBLE to take part in a specific Junior event. If his/her birthday is Sunday 9 August 2015, he/she remains eligible.***

15. Boy & Girl Double Sculling Skiff Race	Under 16
16. Boy's Double Sculling Skiff Race	Under 17
17. Girl's Double Sculling Skiff Race	Under 17
18. Junior Dongola Race	Under 17

19. Under 12 Dongola Race

- Each crew must comprise five children under 12 on Saturday 8.8.2015, at least two of which must be girls
- Each crew must be steered by an adult (male or female), who must be 18 years of age or over on Saturday 8.8.2015

20. Under 15 Dinghy Race

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21. Under 12 Dinghy Race

Under 12

22. Side by Side Dinghy Race

Under 12

- Coxes in Side by Side Dinghy Races may be ANY AGE
- This aims to encourage a parent to accompany/cox very young entrants, when felt to be appropriate

23. Boy & Girl Canadian Canoe Race

Under 17

**VETERAN EVENTS**

***VETERAN EVENTS: if a veteran's birthday is on Saturday 8 August 2015, he/she will be ELIGIBLE to take part in a specific Veteran event. If his/her birthday is Sunday 9 August 2015, he/she remains ineligible.***

24. Veteran Gentlemen's Double Sculling Skiff Race

- Each competitor to be over 40 years on 8.8.2015; aggregate of both at least 100 years

25. Veteran Lady's and Gentleman's Double Sculling Skiff Race

- Each competitor to be over 40 years on 8.8.2015; aggregate of both at least 90 years

26. Veterans' Dongola Race

- All crew members must be 45 years of age or over on 8.8.2015
- The total age of all crew members must add up to a MINIMUM of 300 years

**OTHER EVENTS**

**AS DETAILED PER EVENT**

27. Novice Status Gentleman's Single Punting

No age qualifications

28. Novice Status Lady's Single Punting

No age qualifications

29. Scratch Dongola

No age qualifications

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