



WARGRAVE & SHIPLAKE REGATTA
FRIDAY AUGUST 7th - SATURDAY AUGUST 8th 2026

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY & NOTES FOR COMPETITORS

ALL ENTRIES CLOSE: 7pm MONDAY JULY 13th 2026

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. Noms 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 8th August 2026, he/she will be INELIGIBLE to take part in a specific Junior event. If his/her birthday is Sunday 9th August 2026, he/she remains eligible.

VETERAN EVENTS: if a veteran's birthday is on Saturday 8th August 2026, he/she will be ELIGIBLE to take part in a specific Veteran event. If his/her birthday is Sunday 9th August 2026, 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 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, Veteran and Jubilee - 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**):
 - o Senior Skiff events: a maximum of 32 crews per event
 - o Junior/Veteran Skiff events: a maximum of 16 crews per event
 - o Canoe Punting events: a maximum of 31 races per event
 - o 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 6th. 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 5pm) with a brief explanation, if applicable.
- C. Competitors are welcome to bring their own paddles or punt poles. A limited number of paddles and punt poles are available for use from the Regatta and can be obtained on a first come first served basis, for both practice and at the Regatta. Boats and sculls ONLY are provided by the Committee and must be treated with the utmost respect. 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) **EXCEPT the celebratory Jubilee Dongola**
- 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 the Junior Dongola Race OR the Under 12 Dongola Race AND the Jubilee Dongola**
- **Competitors entering the Thames Dongola event MAY ALSO enter the Jubilee Dongola**
- **Competitors entering the Veterans' Dongola event MAY ALSO enter the Under 12 Dongola Race AND the Jubilee Dongola**

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 8th August 2026 (see note 6), at least two of whom 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 8th August 2026. 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

E3. SCRATCH DONGOLA

Entries for the Scratch Dongola event will be taken from 9am Saturday August 8th. Only one entry per person will be accepted. Crews will be drawn from 12pm.

E4. JUBILEE DONGOLA

- Entry to this event DOES NOT preclude either children or adults from entering any other Dongola event, senior or junior
- Entry is open to anyone within their '6 event' limit
- Each crew must comprise six people, containing no more than four adults (minimum of two to be female) and a minimum of two children under 12 years of age on Saturday 8th August 2026
- Each crew must be steered by an adult (male or female), who must be 18 years of age or over on Saturday 8th August 2026. 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
- **Competitors under the age of 12 MUST wear a Buoyancy Aid for racing and at all times on the water**
- Fancy Dress is encouraged. There will be a prize for the best dressed crew, chosen by members of the committee and the Regatta's President

F. COXES IN JUNIOR EVENTS

Side by Side Dinghy Races

- Coxes may be ANY AGE
- We would 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, 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**

Boy & Girl Double Sculling - Boys' Double Sculling - Girls' Double Sculling events

- ALL crew members must adhere to the age requirements, INCLUDING COXES

G. PRACTICE

It is our intention to make a number of boats available for practice from Wargrave and Shiplake from THURSDAY JULY 23rd to WEDNESDAY AUGUST 5th inclusive. A nominal charge per boat half hour will be made.

Only those persons from whom an entry has been received will be allowed to use these boats for practice.

Arrangements for practice will be e-mailed to all entrants on WEDNESDAY JULY 15th, 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 23rd July.

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>

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 2026, he/she will be INELIGIBLE to take part in a specific Junior event. If his/her birthday is Sunday 9th August 2026, he/she remains eligible.

15. Boy & Girl Double Sculling Skiff Race (ALL crew members INCLUDING COXES)	Under 16
16. Boy's Double Sculling Skiff Race (ALL crew members INCLUDING COXES)	Under 17
17. Girl's Double Sculling Skiff Race (ALL crew members INCLUDING COXES)	Under 17
18. Junior Dongola Race	Under 17
19. Under 12 Dongola Race	
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20. Under 15 Dinghy Race	Under 15
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 8th August 2026, he/she will be ELIGIBLE to take part in a specific Veteran event. If his/her birthday is Sunday 9th August 2026, he/she remains ineligible.

24. Veteran Gentlemen's Double Sculling Skiff Race

- Each sculler to be over 40 years on Saturday 8th August 2026; aggregate of both at least 100 years

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

- Each sculler to be over 40 years on Saturday 8th August 2026; aggregate of both at least 90 years

26. Veterans' Dongola Race

- All crew members must be 45 years of age or over on Saturday 8th August 2026
- 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

30. Jubilee Dongola

- Each crew must comprise six people, containing no more than four adults, 18 years of age or over on Saturday 8th August 2026 (minimum of two to be female) - and a minimum of two children under 12 years of age on Saturday 8th August 2026

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