

Wargrave & Shiplake Regatta

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. This Regatta is held under rules based on 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, 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 and 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 be by First Name and Surname only. The Committee reserves the right to refuse entries with names not filled in on the Entry Form. All names must be entered, including coxes. Nommies de Plume are not allowed.
6. Age qualifications are taken on the Saturday of the Regatta. All junior competitors and all Veterans' Dongola Race competitors are required to list their name, date of birth and age on the Entry Form.

JUNIOR EVENTS: If a junior's birthday is on Saturday 8 August 2026, he/she will be **INELIGIBLE** to take part in a specific Junior event. If his/her birthday is on Sunday 9 August 2026, he/she remains eligible.

VETERAN EVENTS: If a veteran's birthday is on Saturday 8 August 2026, he/she will be **ELIGIBLE** to take part in a specific Veteran event. If his/her birthday is Sunday 9 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 and 2 (Senior Skiff Racing events) is restricted to members of the Wargrave and Shiplake Regatta. Membership subscription is 10 pence, payable as part of the entry fees for those events.
8. **COMPETITORS ARE REMINDED** that either a Subscriber's badge, an Enclosure badge or a Competitor's badge 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

- **Competitors under the age of 12 MUST WEAR A BUOYANCY AID for racing and at all times on the water.**
- All competitors must expect to race on Friday. THIS INCLUDES DONGOLAS.
- Boats, paddles, poles and sculls are included with race entry and must be treated with the utmost respect.
- Competitors MAY NOT use their own sculls in the skiff race.
- Competitor qualifications for Dongola events are as follows

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 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

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
- **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 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**
- Competitors are to report to the boat rafts 20 minutes before the advertised time of their race. A race may start at the time stated without reference to absentees.
- The Race Committee reserve the right to alter the programme.
- The Race Committee reserve the right to make allowance to competitors drawing the outside station in Punting Handicap Races. The course for all Handicap Punting races is less than one-third of a mile.
- Refer to the plan for Race Starts as follows :

BRIDGE START

All Senior Skiff Races
Gentleman's Canadian Canoe Race

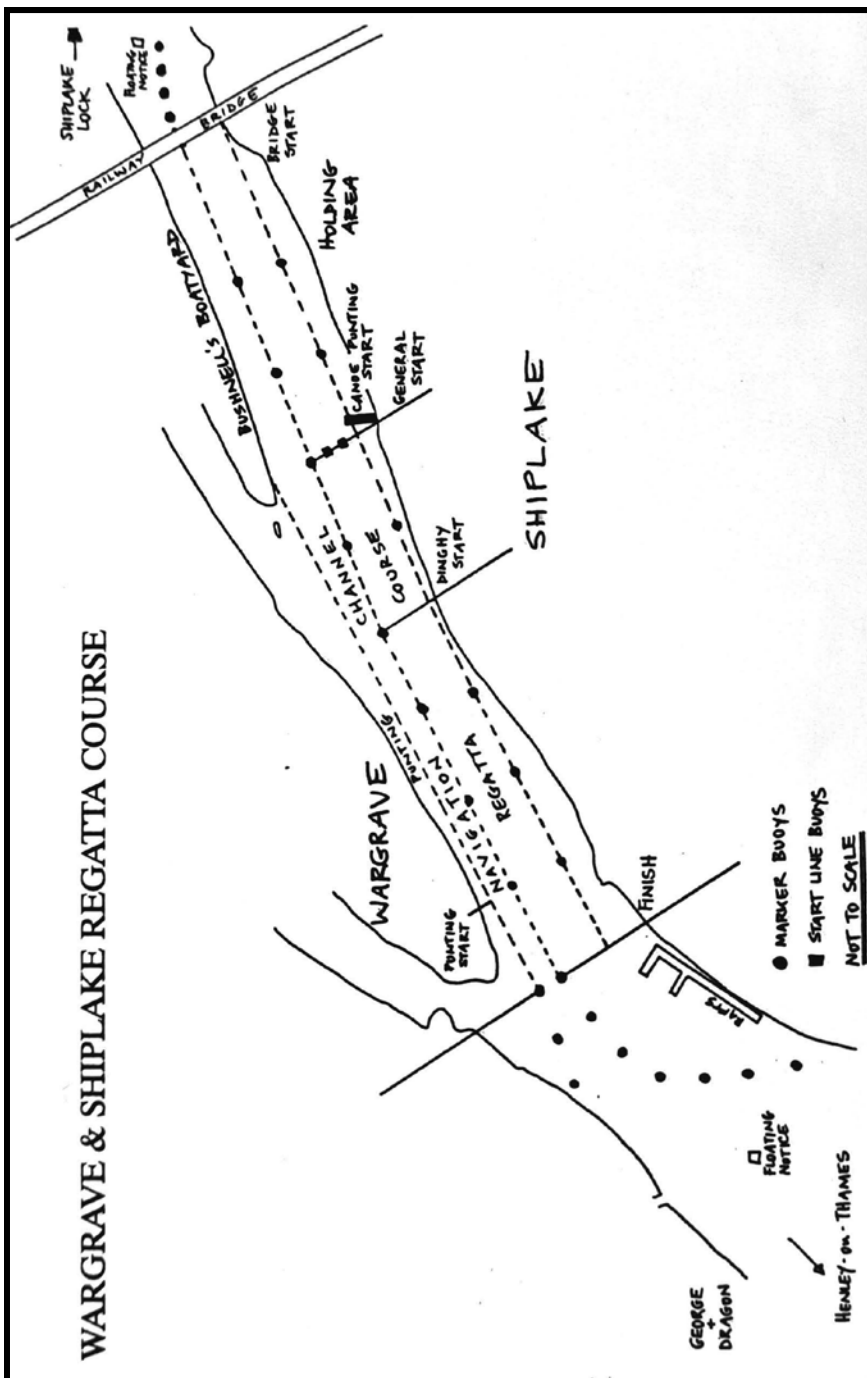
GENERAL START

Canoe Punting Races
Canoe Paddling Races
All Dongola Races
Junior Sculling Races
Veteran Sculling Races
All Dinghy Races
All Handicap Punting Races

DINGHY START

PUNTING START

WARGRAVE & SHIPLAKE REGATTA COURSE



PRE-RACE INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL COMPETITORS

ALL COMPETITORS (except Handicap Punting & Dinghy competitors) SHOULD:

- Proceed upstream to their Start EITHER to the right of the Navigation Channel OR as close to the Shiplake bank (Enclosure side) as possible, taking great care not to get in the way of races in progress.
- Keep in to the Holding Area (above the General Start on the Shiplake bank) while awaiting their race.
- **Above the Railway Viaduct, COMPETITORS MUST NOT enter either the Lock Cut or Weir Cut whilst awaiting a race. This is for safety reasons. Doing so renders a competitor or crew liable to disqualification.**
- COMPETITORS MUST NOT AWAIT THE START OF A RACE ON THE WARGRAVE BANK (alongside Bushnell's Boatyard).
- COMPETITORS MUST TAKE CARE TO AVOID CAUSING DAMAGE TO ANY BOATS MOORED AT BUSHNELL'S BOATYARD (alongside the Wargrave bank).

DINGHY COMPETITORS SHOULD :

- Proceed upstream to their Start EITHER to the right of the Navigation Channel OR as close to the Shiplake bank (Enclosure side) as possible, taking great care not to get in the way of races in progress.
- Keep in to the area above the Handicap Punting course OR close to the Shiplake bank while awaiting their race.

HANDICAP PUNTING COMPETITORS SHOULD :

- Take great care when moving across the Navigation Channel both prior to, and after, racing.
- Await the start of their race below the Handicap Punting Start, and well out of the Navigation Channel.
- Keep within the designated Punting Course at all times when racing.

COMPETITORS MUST NOT INTERFERE WITH NOR HINDER THE PROGRESS OF PASSING RIVER TRAFFIC AT ANY TIME

TAKE NOTICE OF INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN BY OFFICIALS OR OFFICERS OF THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY AT ALL TIMES

RACING INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL COMPETITORS

THE START

- As soon as the preceding race is away, the Starter will instruct crews to move onto their stations above the start. When the crews are assembled and the course is clear, the Starter will say to them : ***When I start you, I shall say 'Attention' and then 'Go'***
This indicates to competitors that the start procedure has commenced.
- When the crews are approximately level, the Starter should commence the start sequence by saying: ***Get Ready***
- The Starter finally aligns the crews so they are as level as possible, at which point he says: ***Attention Go!!***

FALSE STARTS

- If the Starter or Umpire considers a start to be false, they should stop the race and bring the crews straight back to the start. The Umpire will warn the offending crew(s) as follows:
(Name of crew), this is an Official Warning. If you false start again in this race, you may be disqualified Please acknowledge.
- The Umpire will seek acknowledgement from the crew verbally, by a raised hand, or a nod of the head. The Starter then re-commences the start procedure.
- If a crew has a second false start, the Umpire will decide if disqualification is appropriate and inform the crew(s) accordingly. There would need to be a very good reason NOT to disqualify for a second false start.
- If more than one crew remains in the race, they will be re-started immediately. If only one crew remains, the race will not be run. The disqualified crew(s) and any non-racing crews will return to the boating area as soon as possible. The Chief Starter will decide whether they should do so immediately, or following another race.

DURING A RACE

- Competitors must keep within the designated regatta course at all times when racing. A crew continuing out of its proper course after due warning does so at its own peril, and if it derives any advantage from doing so may be disqualified by the umpire.
- If it is necessary to warn competitors, the Umpire will name the crew and instruct them to move, at the same time pointing the white flag in the appropriate direction and shouting : ***(Name of crew) - move to your left/right.***
- If there is a clash between two crews AND the clash could affect the result, the Umpire will stop the race by ringing a bell, waving a red flag and giving the command : ***Stop!!***
- In the event of a dead heat, the crews concerned will return to the appropriate Start to re-race immediately. Competitors will not change stations. In a three-boat race, only those crews involved in the dead heat will be required race again. A crew that refuses to re-race will be disqualified by the Umpire

**IF A BOAT CAPSIZES AT ANY TIME, COMPETITORS SHOULD REMAIN WITH THE BOAT AND AWAIT RESCUE.
THE DECISION OF THE UMPIRE IN CHARGE OF A RACE IS FINAL.**