

## HUNTINGDON REGATTA SUNDAY 5TH JULY 2026

### COMPETITOR INFORMATION

#### Registration

Registration will take place in the tent next to the finish line.

All winning crews must present valid Race Membership cards, (and/or copy of digital membership card for those renewing after 29 Mar 26) when collecting pots.

#### Race details and boating

Huntingdon Regatta runs on a batch system to control crews throughout the day. Batches generally start on the hour and at each half hour and crews are sent to the start every half hour as each batch of races finishes. You should be ready to boat 30 minutes before the time of your batch. Ensure that your crew is available to boat as soon as your batch is called.

The course is 900m and Junior and/or inexperienced crews should consider whether they will be able to compete at this distance.

Please check your equipment prior to proceeding to the boating area. It will not be possible to accommodate late boating due to failure at Control Commission because your batch will probably be at the start by the time you are able to boat.

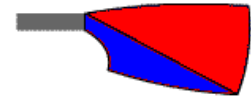
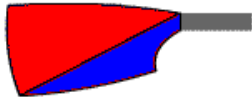
#### Boating and Marshalling

On leaving the landing stages you proceed upstream away from the finish to turn and wait for instructions to proceed to the start. Marshals will tell you when it is safe to proceed downstream. When instructed, go downstream staying on the bow side bank all the way down past the start. Marshals there will advise where to turn. Please keep with your opposition and line up in the batch order. Marshals will instruct you when to row down to the start.

The Start Umpire will call you to the start in the usual way. At the start a line of buoys mark the line between the two lanes. It is free start and lining up can be difficult if there is a cross wind. Please listen to and comply with the instructions given by the marshals and start umpire. Crews, please listen to and follow the instructions given by the umpires in the start zone, this will ensure as stress free a start as is possible given prevailing weather conditions.

The course is buoyed along all of the course. Please follow umpires' instructions if they have to make them on your progress down the course.

Do not stop immediately on the finish line. Continue round the next bend past the regatta field where the marshal will tell you when to turn. This is to stop that post finish area getting congested and allow for safe cool down. Marshals will tell you when it is clear for you to return to the landing stage to get off the water.



All boats and blades should be removed from the landing stages after racing. Please return them to trailers.

Due to the possible risk from leptospirosis, coxes and new winners must not be thrown into the water.

### **Barges and leisure craft**

The course is on a beautiful stretch of the river Great Ouse which is popular with these. Marshalls and umpires will communicate with these as they approach the regatta area to enable racing to happen. Racing may be suspended to allow the passage of these over the regatta course. Competitors need to take care when barges are passing through the marshalling areas above the start and below the finish.

### **Coxes**

British Rowing require competitions to ensure that junior coxes presenting themselves for their weight ticket must be accompanied by a coach or parent. Please ensure that you come prepared since this will save time in the long run. Arrangements will be made for those coxes that do not wish to know their weight.

### **Start procedure**

The Rules of Racing have relaxed the requirement to initiate the start routine on side by side racing courses with the words 'Two Minutes'. There will be no 'two minute' call at Huntingdon regatta so please listen to the Start Umpire who will provide you with details of the start routine.

Huntingdon Boat Club hopes that you have an enjoyable day of racing and meeting up with old friends and adversaries. Good luck!

# HUNTINGDON BOAT CLUB

## REGATTA COURSE MAP 2026 900M ON THE RIVER GREAT OUSE



- HBC CLUBHOUSE
- UMPIRE
- LIMIT OF UPSTREAM MARSHALLING
- LIMIT OF DOWNSTREAM MARSHALLING
- ⚠ WEIR
- Crews will be paired up before boating and boated in divisions.
- Divisions will be initially held in the upstream marshalling area above the finish until instructed to proceed downstream by a marshal.
- Once past the start, divisions will be held in the downstream marshalling area above the start until instructed to proceed to the start by a marshal.
- Crews finishing races will be held in the upstream marshalling area until instructed to proceed to the landing stages by a marshal.
- At all times normal navigation rules apply – keep to the north bank heading upstream and the south bank when heading downstream.