

COMPETITION NEWS

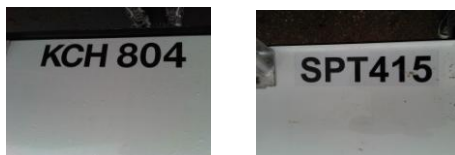
Rules of Racing

The new Rules of Racing come into force on 1st April 2011 and will be applied to all regattas and head races from that date onwards. The updated version is available on the British Rowing website together with a set of explanatory notes about the changes. www.britishrowing.org/rules

Boat Identification

From 1st April Control Commission umpires will be checking all boats to make sure they are displaying the boat's identification number. If the number is missing, is incomplete or is obscured the crew may incur an Official Warning or may not be allowed to race.

The boat identification should be your club code followed by the boat's number, e.g. :-



The Boat Id is not acceptable if it :-

- is made up of bits of tape
- is partially obscured
- has additional symbols between the two parts (e.g. ABC 4+/- 401 rather than ABC401)
- is incomplete
- is made up of mixed fonts

Primary Events

You will see a number of regattas offering the new Primary Events during 2011. These are designed specifically for newcomers to rowing who haven't yet won any points (see the new Rules of Racing for the full definition). The Competition Committee is very keen to hear how these events get on and would appreciate any feedback from competitors, coaches, clubs, competition organisers etc.

Boat Licences at Competitions

All clubs on Environment Agency waters will be aware of the changes to the boat licensing scheme but please remember if you take your boats to another river/canal/lake etc. to race you must make sure it is licensed to be used on that piece of water. It is your responsibility to make sure your boats are licensed correctly – not the regatta's.

Event Affiliations

All competitions need to be affiliated to British Rowing and must have their date, place and conditions approved by the Competition Committee. A document has been drawn up (called Guidelines for Regatta and Head Dates) which outlines the process for affiliation and for setting and changing the date of your event. This has been approved by Council and is available from the British Rowing website, www.britishrowing.org/publication/guidelines-application-or-change-regatta-and-head-dates

There is also a new Affiliation Form that should be used in conjunction with this document. If an event wants to permanently change its date it must, in effect, re-affiliate to allow the Region and the Competition Committee the opportunity to approve the change. All competitions must also send a copy of their poster to British Rowing as outlined in the Rules of Racing.

Racing Calendar

Work has started on the Racing Calendar for 2012. There are a number of issues that will complicate matters more than normal next year (e.g. Bank Holidays moving and the Olympics) so please can event organisers start thinking about the dates for your events now. Regions should submit their provisional dates to the National Competition Committee by the end of May so a draft calendar can be prepared for the Jun Council meeting.

Paddy Ibbotson - Chairman, National Competition Committee

OTHER BRITISH ROWING NEWS FOR COMPETITION ORGANISERS

Map of Environment Agency Waters

British Rowing has produced a map of Clubs and Events located on Environment Agency (EA) waters. This will help clubs to work out if they will require EA Licences to compete in events on other waterways. The map is on the website www.britishrowing.org/boat-licences

EA Boat Licences

Information about the new arrangements and payment deadlines are included separately with this mailing. Additional information can also be found at the above link.

London's Low Emission Zone

There will be tighter standards for minibuses and smaller vans travelling into London's Low Emission Zone from 3rd January 2012. Transport for London's website has up-to-date information including a boundary map and a check for which vehicles are affected. Further details from www.tfl.gov.uk/roadusers/lez

World Rowing Junior Championships 2011

Tickets are now on sale for the World Rowing Junior Championships at Dorney Lake, Eton 3rd – 7th August 2011. Individual and Family tickets are available for each day of the Championships; full details of the provisional racing programme, ticket options and prices, as well as details of how to get there and what to expect are available at www.wrjc2011.com/spectators. A flyer for your club noticeboard is attached.

GB v France J16 Match – Information about selection

The GB v France Match will take place on Sunday 10th July 2011 at the London Docklands Regatta Centre. All races are over 1500m and a full team will be selected for this event. Crews must be made up of rowers from single clubs/schools with the exception of the eights. Full details in the enclosed flyer.

Explore Rowing Summer Series

These events offer a great opportunity for your club rowers, both experienced rowers and newcomers to the sport, to enjoy a completely new series of competitions. A flyer with more information to display on your club noticeboard is attached.

British Rowing Championships

The British Rowing Championships take place on 15th – 17th July 2011 at the National Water Sport Centre, Holme Pierrepont. The Regatta notice will be available in May from www.britchamps.org