

STAR CLUB HEAD OF THE RIVER – 16th November 2025
TRAILER PARKING AND COMPETITOR PARKING ARRANGEMENTS.

BOAT TRAILERS ONLY along The Embankment between Shaftesbury Avenue and Bushmead Avenue in the marked parking bays on the river side of the road. Cars with singles on a roof-rack may also park along the Embankment.

PLEASE ONLY ACCESS THE EMBANKMENT AND PARKING AREA FROM NEWNHAM AVENUE (A5140). DO NOT COME ALONG THE EMBANKMENT FROM THE TOWN CENTRE.

Competitors must use the car park as detailed below.

COACHES MAY USE THE MARKED COACH BAYS IN BUSHMEAD AVENUE

PLEASE PARK WHERE THE MARSHALS DIRECT YOU. DO NOT TAKE THE FIRST AVAILABLE SPACE . BE CONSIDERATE TO OTHER BOAT TRAILERS THAT WILL ARRIVE AFTER YOU.

Approaching Bedford from any direction, you are advised to take the A421 bypass, and leave at the A603 (Cardington Road) heading towards Bedford. Take second exit at the first roundabout, go past The Barns Hotel on the right, straight over the mini roundabout, straight on at the next roundabout with Tesco on the right, taking the right hand filter lane for the A5140 signposted to Cambridge.

At this point, competitor's cars should take the entrance to the car park

between the second and third exits off the roundabout. If you have a particularly high vehicle you may not get under the barrier in which case we suggest you go to the Aspects car park (see below). Walking access to the river is via The Engineers Bridge. Keep right when you have walked over the bridge and head for the Schools Boathouse over the weir footbridge, then over the Butterfly Bridge to your trailer.

Alternatively, competitors cars may be parked in the Aspects Leisure Complex car park. Continue past The Embankment to the roundabout. Go right round the roundabout and turn left just after MacDonalds. Follow road through to the car park. There is an underpass footpath through to The Embankment.

All towing vehicles with boat trailers take the third road exit onto Longholme Way, cross the river and take the first left onto The Embankment. **KEEP GOING STRAIGHT ON. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO TURN LEFT OVER THE WHITE BRIDGE AS PARKING IS NOT ALLOWED ON THE GRASS AREAS NEXT TO THE LAKE.**

PLEASE PARK AS DIRECTED BY THE MARSHALS. DO NOT STOP AT THE FIRST AVAILABLE SPACE AS THIS WILL MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR OTHERS WHO ARRIVE AFTER YOU.

Boats may be left on trestles on the grass between the river and the road. Boating will be from this area of the river.

BOATING

Please boat a minimum of 30 minutes before the start of your division. You will be marshalled 'Tideway' style. Please proceed to Star Club and wait to be directed by Marshals. When you have finished racing please remove your boat from the water as soon as is reasonably possible without causing disruption to others.

PLEASE DO NOT BOAT UNTIL THE PREVIOUS DIVISION HAS CLEARED.

Take care when placing your boats on the water as the bank is reinforced with concrete.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

All facilities will be available on the Embankment near the Butterfly Bridge, including Registration, First Aid, and toilets. There is also a First Aid station at Star Club.

Main prize giving will take place at Star Club after Division 5 when all the results have been collated and checked.

For those events where the result is finalised before, competitors may collect their prizes earlier.