

STAR CLUB HEAD OF THE RIVER – 13th JANUARY 2019

TRAILER PARKING AND COMPETITOR PARKING ARRANGEMENTS.

Due to the new development on the Riverside Square Car Park adjacent to Star Club we are now unable to accommodate any boat trailers or cars at the Club.

We have however been given permission by the Bedford Borough Council to park **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 roofrack may also park along the Embankment. **Competitors must use the car park as detailed below.**

COACHES MAY USE THE MARKED COACH BAYS IN BUSHMEAD AVENUE

Parking suspension notices will be in place to prevent any traffic other than Head vehicles using this area.

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.

Please see the attached map which will hopefully help.

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, cars should take the entrance to the car park between the second and third exits off the roundabout. Bear to the right over the flood defence hump as you enter. Ample free parking is available here and walking access to the river is via The Engineers Bridge in the left hand corner. 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.

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 do not take boats across the Butterfly Bridge. This is a busy pedestrian walkway and spectating area.

Please boat a minimum of 45 minutes before the start of your division. 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.

There will be a pontoon moored for boating at the far end of the marshalling area. Marshals will be on hand to help.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

All facilities will be available near the Butterfly Bridge, including Registration, First Aid, and toilets. Hot food and drinks will be available all day at Star Club. Please do not ask if you can use the changing and toilet facilities at the Schools Boathouse as these are strictly restricted to the pupils of the Harpur Trust schools.

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

