



# Milton Keynes Regatta – 16<sup>th</sup> September 2023

## General Competition Information

### Introduction

Welcome to Milton Keynes Regatta 2023. The regatta will be held in accordance with the British Rowing Regulations, Rules of Racing and RowSafe.

In order that we can all participate in the regatta in a safe and enjoyable manner, please familiarise yourself with the regatta Safety Plan, Circulation Pattern and other competition documents prior to the event. We hope you enjoy the day!

### Location

The club is located at Watersports Centre, Monellan Grove, Caldecotte, Milton Keynes, MK7 8BH. Full directions and map can be found on the club website <https://www.mkrowing.org/regatta> - please follow these directions so you do not go through the housing estate and speed bumps with the trailers.

Three words: **aces.angel.faster**

### Vehicle Access & Parking

Only trailers and towing vehicles will be permitted access to the MKRC site. All other competitor vehicles will be directed to park in an adjacent facility – Caldecotte Business Park and provision for some cars at the Redbull Car Park at the top of Caldecotte Lake Drive - both a very short walk to MKRC club. There will be free parking at both sites. Please follow directions from MKRC marshals at the entrances to the event to ensure you park in an authorised space. Permits will be given out to those parking in authorised spaces in Caldecotte Business Park.

Trailers will be directed to park close to the footpath on the left hand side of the club car park, directed to the south end of the lake or into the club boat compound. Boats can be unloaded and rigged adjacent to trailers in all areas. Please do not station boats where they could obstruct access to emergency vehicles. Drivers with trailers are advised to take extra care when driving into the trailer park. Please do not obstruct public footpaths. The compound fence restricts vision, so please proceed with caution. All vehicles are park at the owners risk.

### Registration and Race Control

Registration/Race Control will be located adjacent to the slipway (see Site Plan). Please go to Registration to:

- 1) Complete any outstanding details and make crew substitutions.
- 2) Collect race numbers (race numbers are to go on the bow person of each crew).
- 3) Weigh coxes (we have limited dead weights so please provide your own where possible).
- 4) Check any race times.

## **First Aid**

First Aid will be located in the Club Bay (non lake side) (see Site Plan). So regatta organisers can co-ordinate effective responses, please report all incidents to Race Control.

## **Boating**

Crews are required to boat **20 minutes** before their race time.

Prior to boating crews should take their oars and sculls to the grassy bank adjacent to Control Commission. This is located next to a public footpath so please ensure you keep the path clear and care taken when manoeuvring the blades. Right of way should be given to members of the public.

Please find your opponent before boating and proceed to Control Commission together. Competitors should check their own boats prior to reaching Control Commission. Umpires will be checking boats prior to launching and will not allow you to boat if you have any equipment safety infringements.

If there is less than 30 minutes between races it may be preferable for crews to remain on the water. If this is required please ensure a club representative notifies the umpire at Control Commission.

Once cleared by Control Commission you will be directed to proceed via the footpath to the lake – marked 'Boat Entry Only'.

Please note: all footpaths around the lake, car park and boating area are open to members of the public. Care should be taken at all times to ensure no distress or injury is caused to third parties.

The boating area should be kept free from blades, shoes, trestles etc. to avoid causing a hazard. Marshals will monitor this at all times.

## **Eights Boating**

For 8's boating please follow the above instructions and then you will be directed to a separate larger pontoon. This is the pontoon used by the Sailing Club and crews should be aware that the pontoon is higher than a standard rowing pontoon.

Crews should also be aware of the sailing cleats attached to the edges and take care not to trap blades or riggers beneath the cleats. Inexperienced crews may require assistance with boating.

## **De-boating**

Marshals will be located on the incoming pontoon and will help you de-boat. Please ensure all oars are placed alongside the retaining wall at the back edge of the path. Do not leave blades across the public path to cause a hazard. To exit the boating area please carry boats up the slip way marked 'Boat Exit Only' and return to your trailer. Care should be taken at all times when using the public footpath.

Please collect blades promptly after returning your boat to the trailer.

## **Prize Giving**

All competitors must carry their valid British Rowing Membership Card which will be up to date and with a photograph. Membership cards or identity for the whole crew must be produced before any prizes will be awarded.

Results will be posted online at: [www.raceleader.co.uk/MK23](http://www.raceleader.co.uk/MK23) , or on our Twitter page [@MiltonKeynesRC](https://twitter.com/MiltonKeynesRC)

Please go to Registration to collect your medals!

## **Trophies**

The following trophy will be presented upon completion of the days racing:

**Challenge Cup**– awarded to the club with the most event wins.

## **Refreshments**

Hot & cold refreshments will be available for sale throughout the day from the club house. Reusable water bottles can be refilled by the catering team in the kitchen and are provided at a discounted price. Where possible, bring a reusable mug for hot drinks.

## **Children & Welfare**

Participating clubs are responsible for the welfare, safety and appropriate supervision of their own members. Visiting clubs should have in place policies and procedures that conform to the British Rowing Safeguarding and Protecting Children Policy. The Milton Keynes Regatta Welfare Officer will be available on the day for any support and can be contacted via Race Control. Upon arrival all clubs will be asked to provide emergency contact details of a responsible adult on site for the day.

## **Photography**

We are pleased to announce that DE Photo has been appointed as the official photographers for our event. They will be providing full onsite photo printing facilities. This event, by its very nature, is in the public arena and may result in the recording and publication of your image. If you do not wish your photo to be taken please let a member of the DE Photo team know. DE Photo staff have been DBS checked and the company operates very strict privacy and data protection policies and are fully compliant with the GDPR. Full copies of DE Photo's GDPR documentation can be found at [dephoto.biz/GDPR](http://dephoto.biz/GDPR) for any junior photos: you must have parental consent prior to any public posting.

As the event takes place in open public areas, control of photography or filming is unfeasible. An MKRC nominated person may also be taking photos throughout the day to share on social media. All helpers are briefed to respond to any inappropriate photography and to report concerns to the Regatta Welfare Officer who can be contacted via Race Control.

### **Race Committee/Umpires**

The Race Committee for this regatta will consist of Cherry Kemp (Chair), Christopher Anton, Chris Newland and Gavin Dods.

Umpires:

Andrew Blit	Andy Ellison	Chris Callow	Fred Shearer
Rod Murray	Sam Simons	Tammy Finnigan	

### **Covid-19**

All attendees agree to abide by all Government and British Rowing Covid-19 Guidance in place at the time of the competition and we ask that you do not attend if you are testing positive for Covid-19. We encourage regular hand washing and hand sanitising. Full British Rowing guidance can be found here: <https://www.britishrowing.org/2022/02/latest-british-rowing-advice-on-coronavirus-covid-19/>

### **Blue Green Algae/Leptospirosis**

Due to the possible risk of leptospirosis or contact with blue green algae bacteria you are advised to avoid contact with the lake water. In the event of a capsize please use the shower facilities available in the club house. Please also ensure you wash your hands before eating/drinking and all cuts/wounds should be adequately covered with a waterproof dressing.

### **Litter**

As the event is held in a public park all competitors and supporters are asked to dispose of their litter responsibly. Litter bins and bags will be located at various points around the site.