

Row 4a Reason

'PIRATES OF THE BLACKWATER'

DISCLAIMER FORM FOR THE ROUND NORTHEY ISLAND SPONSORED ROW & GIG RACE ON SEPTEMBER 18TH 2016 Start time 13.30 on 18th September 2016 off Lock Gates, Heybridge Basin

While every effort will be made to ensure the safety of the Heybridge Basin 'Round the Island' Sponsored Rowing Race, the Heybridge Basin Regatta Association and its Agents accept no liability for any damage to property, or death or injury, howsoever arising in connection with the race. The Row 4A Reason Committee reserve the absolute right to cancel the race in the event of adverse weather conditions.

Launching of boats at the lock side is entirely at the owners' risk. No responsibility can be accepted by the Heybridge Basin Regatta Association of the land owners. The organisers reserve the absolute right to cancel or curtail the race or to exclude any competitor, in the interests of safety, according to the conditions on the day.

SAFETY AND INSURANCE

Competing Craft

- a). All entrants are responsible for the safety and condition of their own craft and equipment and insuring it. That insurance must include adequate cover against third party claims for any loss, injury, or damage to property or persons (including all persons aboard the craft). Accordingly, please note that it is a Warranty of the Heybridge Basin Regatta Association's insurance that all competitors and rescue boats should carry public liability/third party insurance with a minimum indemnity of £2,000,000.
- b). It is strongly recommended that all boats competing in Round the Island Race carry sufficient buoyancy aids for all persons on board.
- c). Any persons under 16 years of age on board a boat competing in the Round the Island Race are to wear a buoyancy aid.
- d). If your craft is immobilized for any reason and you need urgent assistance, a member of crew should cross and uncross arms above his/her head and if possible wave a piece of white clothing. Remember that each competing craft is responsible for the consequences of its own navigation.
- e). In a man overboard situation the safety boat must return the rower to the shore. No-one going overboard can return to their boat and continue the race.
- f). Competitors are requested to give consideration to the requirements of other river users and whenever changing course must watch out for oncoming vessels, overtaking vessels and take extra care not to impede their progress (although it is the responsibility of the overtaking vessel to keep clear during this manoeuvre).
- g). No inflatable dinghies are permitted to take part in the race.

Support/Safety boats - There will be a number of safety/support boats on the course including a lead boat and a tail boat.

I confirm that I have adequate skills to cope in the prevailing weather and river conditions on race day. I accept full responsibility for my own action in deciding to enter and complete the course. I deem my craft fit for the conditions in which I plan to row.

I have noted and understood the Disclaimer and agree to follow the Association's general guidelines as detailed above. I also understand that the Association cannot be held responsible for my failure to do so.

Signature..... Date

(Signature required from parent/guardian if competitor under 16 years of age)

Print name.....