

To: Captains of College Boat Clubs

Dear Captain,

Henley Boat Races: Sunday, 25 March

The annual women's and lightweight races between Oxford and Cambridge Universities take place this year on the Henley reach on Sunday, 25 March.

You and members of your College's boat club are warmly welcome to come to Henley and to support the races; and to attend the Henley Boat Races Ball in the evening (8pm until 1.00 am, £16).

The racing programme starts at 1.15 pm with the inter-collegiate women's and men's races and the afternoon is rounded off at Temple Island Meadows by this year's prize-giver, Robin Bourne-Taylor (Athens and Beijing Olympian, who rowed for OUBC 4 times between 2001 and 2005, winning three times). Food and drink, and parking are available at Temple Island Meadows.

Writing in this year's Race Day programme, Paul Mattick (Hertford, Nepthys and GB), describes his route through College rowing and the Henley Boat Races to becoming a world champion. As he puts it, "To me, the Henley Boat Races epitomise Oxbridge college rowing". I hope that you will all come to Henley and be similarly inspired.

Further information is available at:http://www.henleyboatraces.com Twitter @HenleyBoatRaces or # HBR2012 Facebook Henley Boat Races

I look forward to seeing you on 25 March, and to a great day's racing.

Hugh Richardson