

Information for Boat Sharers

Dear LBC,

We are aware that several clubs may have problems with having more novice crews than boats. To make the Regatta as inclusive as possible, boat sharing between crews is permitted. However, we strongly recommend that **BOAT SHARING IS AVOIDED WHEREVER POSSIBLE** as this reduces delays in the Regatta and makes your life much easier.

A great deal of work has been done this year to improve the boat sharing system, and so we can now be a little more flexible with combinations of sharing crews. If you must share boats, please take careful note of the following information:

- The Regatta Secretary and Senior Umpire are very friendly :) . We are very happy to answer any boat sharing questions and will help you with entry if you need. However, we should be contacted well before the entry deadline to give us time to deal with your queries.
- Boat sharing should be kept to an absolute minimum to ensure the smooth running of the Regatta.
- It is entirely the responsibility of sharing crews to be in the correct place at the correct time. In the event of late running, a shared boat may not be available when expected. The Regatta will not be delayed for late boats and such crews will be disqualified.
- It is impossible to share boats between two crews in the same event.
- The draw allows for boat sharing as far as the quarter finals. The semi finals and finals are run as single divisions, so boat sharing is impossible if both crews reach their semi finals. If this happens, it is the club's responsibility to find an extra boat to allow both crews to race. (remember that nearly 90% of all crews are eliminated by this stage, and so spare novice boats may be available).
- All boat sharing must be stated on the entry form. Crews attempting to share boats without declaring it on the entry form will be disqualified.
- If, after entry you find you no longer need to share, please let us know so we can update our records - your existing entries will be otherwise unaffected.
- No more than two crews may share any one boat.
- Sharing boats between clubs is only permitted with the express permission of the Senior Umpire.
- The draw is produced shortly after the close of entries. Boat sharing on late entries will not be allowed.

Remember: if you are in any way unsure about your entry (for example, you don't yet know the availability of boats/are unsure about your final crews etc.) please contact the Regatta Secretary (Phil Bateman) or myself, allowing plenty of time before the close of entries.

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