

Leicester Regatta – April 24th 2022

Competitor Safety Information

Registration and Facilities

Registration will take place in the shed at the side of the clubhouse, the other side of the railings from the regatta finish. **All competitors must present valid British Rowing cards with photo, before numbers will be issued.**

Race Details and Administration

Leicester Regatta runs on a batch system because the river is not wide enough for crews to row down the course while a race is in progress. Batches are sent to the start every half hour. You should be ready to boat 30 minutes before the time of your batch.

Please check your equipment prior to proceeding to the boating area. Late boating due to failure at Control Commission will not be accommodated.

Boating and Marshalling

On leaving the landing stages you proceed towards the towpath footbridge. Marshals on the bridge will tell you when it is safe to proceed onto the main canal which you will cross to the city side and turn to STARBOARD (coxwain's right i.e. away from the finish line).

Once on the main canal you proceed towards the lock on the city side before spinning and waiting with bows pointing towards the start. Do not proceed beyond the marker. You will be able to warm up while rowing up to the start.

Marshals will instruct you when to row down to the start. After you have passed through the bridge at the start (Newarke Bridge) you will be lined up and race order and instructed when to spin by the marshal.

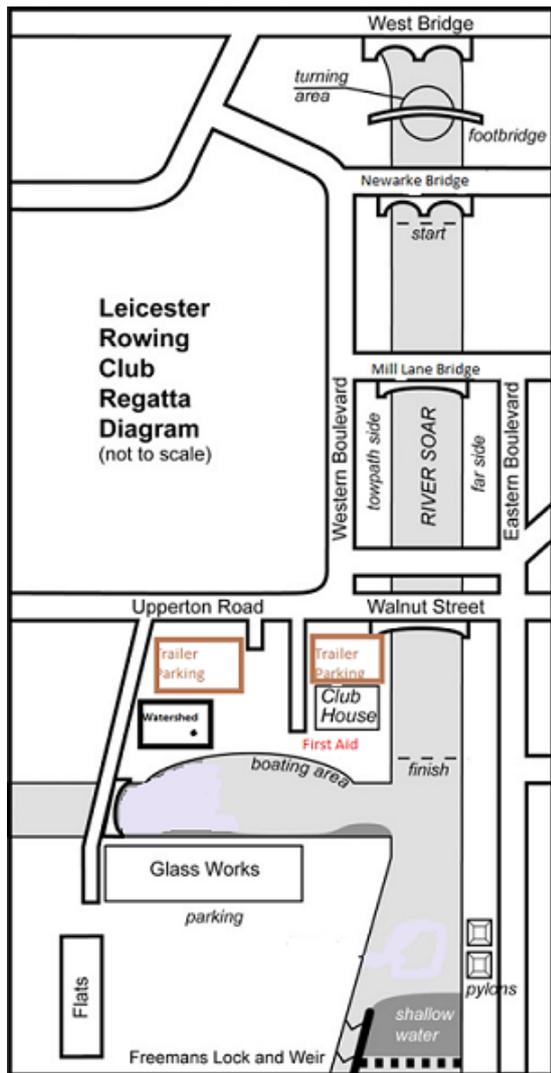
You will be called to the start. At the start a line of buoys mark the line between the two lanes. Due to the restricted width of the canal, lining up can be difficult if there is a cross wind. Please listen to and comply with the instructions given by the marshals and start umpire.

When racing take particular care when passing through the three bridges as these are narrower than the general course. The approach to the narrowest bridge, other narrow points and any nesting swans will be buoyed. Striped poles suspended from the bridges mark the centre of each lane.

The finish is opposite the scaffold platform over the edge of the canal and is marked by a line of bunting. Do not stop immediately on the finish line. Continue for a few strokes before stopping and preparing to enter the basin. A marshal will tell you when it is clear to do so. No crew should enter the basin until instructed that it is clear for them to do so.

Once in the basin you will need to spin and land on the incoming landing stages. Marshals will tell you when stages are clear for you to use.

All boats and blades should be removed from the landing stages after racing. Please return them to trailers, leave on the racking or move to the grassy mound.



There are some areas of shallow water, in particular some areas of the boating basin and the area immediately downstream of Freeman’s Lock in the pre-batch handling area. Buoys will mark these areas and marshals stationed on the towpath will remind you of this.

Due to the possible risk from leptospirosis coxes and new winners must not be thrown into the water in the basin. Buckets are available in the boathouse if a dousing is appropriate.

Please Note:

The course is on a canal and subject to the occasional passage of barges and other river craft. Racing may be suspended to allow the passage of these over the regatta course. Competitors need to take care when barges are passing through the marshalling areas above the start and below the finish.