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RYDE R. C. (H&D ARA Championship) REGATTA - SATURDAY, 13th MAY, 2017.

Regatta Web Site: <http://ryderc.org/regatta/>

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Entries are invited from your Club to participate in the **2017 RYDE (I.O.W) REGATTA**. The Regatta will be held at Appley Beach, Ryde, from the Ryde Rowing Club premises on **SATURDAY, 13th MAY, 2017** and points will be awarded towards the Hants & Dorset Championships.

Due to the problem with the tide the regatta committee has once again had to limit the entries in small boats to one entry per Club. Second and subsequent crew entries will be considered on the day in these events, should Clubs scratch any crews/scullers or if the entry is small (see attached for procedure). Additionally because of the strong likelihood of a larger than usual entries in the Novice Fours events – the following statement, made by the Regatta, was accepted by the Hants & Dorset ARA AGM of 9th March, 2013 – “*Ryde R. C. statement - Ref. Ryde - You will be aware that the tidal conditions and sandbank at Ryde restrict the Regatta to around four and a half hours – about 22 events – and that we impose entry restrictions on small boat events as a result. In the past few years this has allowed us to accommodate heats in just one event. There is a possibility of a significantly higher than usual entry in both the Men’s & Ladies Novice Fours events which may require heats in both these events. This can probably only be accommodated by dropping some of the small boat events. Therefore, with the Associations approval, if Heats are required in both the Men’s and Ladies Novice Fours event we will drop some of the small boats events – starting, subject to entries received, with the Double sculls and the Men’s and Ladies pairs events. The policy will be to advertise all the usual events and refund the entries where any event is not staged due to the need to allow heats in the fours events*”.

Therefore your entries are invited on standard Hants & Dorset entry forms and accompanied by the appropriate fees, for the following Hants & Dorset ARA Championship events: for men - **NOVICE, JUNIOR, JUNIOR/ SENIOR and SENIOR COXED FOURS - JUNIOR and SENIOR COXLESS PAIRS - NOVICE, JUNIOR and SENIOR SINGLE SCULLS**. For Ladies - **NOVICE, JUNIOR and SENIOR COXED FOURS – JUNIOR and SENIOR COXLESS PAIRS and NOVICE, JUNIOR and SENIOR SINGLE SCULLS plus MASTERS (Mixed/+40) and LADIES MASTERS (+40) COXED FOURS**. In addition entries are invited for the following non-Hants & Dorset Championship events - **Double Sculls** - for which one crew member must be a Novice Sculler, **Masters B (+50) Coxed Fours** - where the minimum age is 50. The Masters B race may be combined with the Masters A race depending on entries.



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Please remember - that a levy of £1.00 per seat in addition to the entry fee of £4.00 is being charged which will be passed on to the Hants & Dorset ARA to build a fund towards the cost of future Hants & Dorset ARA staged South Coast Championship Regattas - so the **seat fee is £5.00 (£20 per four/£10 per pair or double/£5 per sculler)**. Cheques should be made payable to **RYDE ROWING CLUB**. Payment can be made by electronic transfer to: **Account number – 36292176. Sort Code – 07-01-16**. Please put Club name in reference field and make a note that you have paid in this manner on the entry form.

The Ryde Regatta is limited, due to tidal constraints to a maximum of around twenty-two races. Following the introduction of additional Championship events in the last couple of seasons and the recommendation to trial other events the Club has decided to offer all these events subject **to the level of entry**. The events that have always carried Championship status at the South Coast Championships Regatta (i.e. Men's Junior, Junior Senior and Senior Fours, and Ladies Junior and Senior Fours) are guaranteed subject to them having at least two entries, as are the Novice Fours events - for Men and Ladies. All other events will be supported depending on entry and race availability. If heats are not required in the fours events it may just be possible to support all events. Information of which events will be supported will be sent to all Clubs within 3 days of the entries closing - so that Crews can be advised if their event is not being staged in plenty of time. Entry fees for events not staged will be refunded. A Full Regatta Programme will be sent out at least one week before the Regatta.

This is in line with the policy agreed at the 2005 Hants & Dorset ARA AGM which states that *NOTE ON PRIORITY OF EVENTS AT REGATTAS WITH RESTRICTED TIME.*

With a number of new events being considered, which events have priority, when there is limited time available was discussed and it was generally agreed that any Hants & Dorset Championship event, which had three or more entries when the Regatta entries closed should receive priority. If less than three entries received Regatta Committees could choose to substitute an alternative better supported event.

Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Regatta committee on payment of the recognized late entry fee. The **closing date for entries is FRIDAY, 28th APRIL** and the draw will take place at the above address on Sunday, 30th April at approx. 11.00am should anyone wish to attend.

Racing will commence at approx. 11.45am, subject to entries and the presentation of prizes will be at around 5pm.

With reference to the Small Boats events - pairs and sculls - please take careful note of the restrictions that apply and the procedure attached.

Stephen C. Bull,
Regatta Secretary.
April, 2017.