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## **E. Bulletin number 1.**

*This is the first of a series of Electronic Bulletins regarding the 2024 South Coast Championship Rowing Regatta hosted by the Hants & Dorset Amateur Rowing Association on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2024. This E Mail has been sent to you because you were included in the mailing list for the recent Hants & Dorset hosted South Coast Rowing Championships - or because we believe that you may be interested in or have requested information on the 2024 South Coast Rowing Championships, to be hosted by the Hants & Dorset ARA at the Royal Victoria Country Park, Netley, Southampton, on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2024. If you do not wish to receive these E Mails - please respond to - [hdarascc@googlemail.com](mailto:hdarascc@googlemail.com) - asking for your name to be removed and accept our apologies for bothering you.*

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The 2024 (67<sup>th</sup>) South Coast Rowing Championship Regatta and the 18<sup>th</sup> Under 16 Regatta, hosted by the Hants & Dorset Amateur Rowing Association will take place from the Royal Victoria Country Park, Netley, Southampton on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

The course for the Championship and Open events will be 1800m – with 1000 metres for the Junior course. The Venue will allow all championship and open events and a limited number of Junior events to take place. This is the same course that was used for the 2021 Championship Regatta.

In line with South Coast Council rule number 9 the host association specifies the type of boat to be used. As a Coastal Association and a Coastal venue – the Championships, Open and Junior events will be raced in Coastal Fours/Quads. We will be staging the six championship events – the Men's Senior Fours, the Men's Junior Senior Fours, the Men's Junior Fours, the Ladies Senior Fours, the Ladies Junior Fours, and the Mixed Masters (40+) events plus any more that may be agreed by the South Coast Council. For the open championships we will be offering - Men's Senior Fours, the Men's Junior Senior Fours, the Men's Junior Fours, Men's Novice Fours, Ladies Senior Fours, the Ladies Junior Fours, Ladies Novice Fours, Mixed Masters (40+), Mixed Masters (50+) and a Ladies Masters (40+) event. For the Junior Regatta we are offering Boys J16 Coxed Quad, Girls J16 Coxed Quad, Boys J14 Coxed Quad and Girls J14 Coxed Quad.

The Organising Committee has been drawn from the Hants & Dorset ARA's affiliated Clubs and has a wealth of experience available. Many of those who served on the organising committee in 2007, 2011, 2014, 2017 and 2021 have committed to serve again for 2024 including – Tim Bull, of Lymington, who has agreed to serve as Regatta Secretary once again, Sue Sothcott, of Poole R. C. who will once again serve as Treasurer, Gary Joyce of Itchen Imperial who will take on the role of

Safety Advisor again and John Purkess of BTC who is a past Chairman of the Committee. The Committee will be chaired by Paul Newman of Bournemouth Rowing Club.

Effective communication is a one of the keys to a well-run event. The organising committee of the 2024 South Coast Rowing Championships have established a Website for the Regatta – as part of the H&DARA Website – with a “quick link” of – [www.hdara.co.uk/scc](http://www.hdara.co.uk/scc) – where information on the Regatta and the history of the event will be available and from where you will be able to download electronically Regatta documents. This web site is “live” and will be updated regularly. We have also established this E mail circulation list and will publish regular E bulletins on the plans for the event.

As our plans develop, we will also be using other social media options – Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to spread the information on the event and a WhatsApp group will be established.

The Royal Victoria Country Park is a country park in Netley, Hampshire, England, by the shores of Southampton Water. It comprises two hundred acres of mature woodland and grassy parkland, as well as a small shingle beach. From 1863 until 1966, the site was home to the Royal Victoria Hospital. The site was acquired by Hampshire County Council in 1969, who opened the park to the public in 1970. All that remains of the hospital is the chapel, which acts as a heritage centre providing a history of the hospital. It also has a 150-foot (46 m) viewing tower, providing views over the park, and across Southampton Water to Hythe, and on a clear day, as far as Southampton itself. The site also has a park office and tearooms. The park can be reached on foot via a footpath from Netley Station, or there is ample car parking on site.

The Friday evening Reception, Saturday Prize Giving and after Regatta Party will take place in the Chapel or in a Marquee nearby.

*Further information will soon be available on the Championship Regatta Web site – which is hosted by the Hants & Dorset ARA web site at <http://www.hdara.co.uk> – the quick link that will take you directly to the South Coast Championship pages is - <http://www.hdara.co.uk/scc>*

*A hard copy of this E Bulletin can be downloaded from this web site in pdf format.*

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