



# SUNBURY AMATEUR REGATTA

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30<sup>th</sup> June, 2023

Dear Members and Supporters,

I am pleased to say that this years Sunbury Amateur Regatta will take place as planned, however, this year it will solely consist of the Skiff Racing on the Saturday and the Junior Regatta on the Sunday. There will be no charge for spectators to attend and enter Rivermead Island, as sadly there will be no other entertainment on offer and there will be no toilet facilities provided, other than for competitors.

Despite our best efforts to appeal for volunteers to assist with the setting up and breaking down of the infrastructure, or to take on roles within the organising committee, combined with many stall holders and principal suppliers unwilling to navigate through the ford onto Rivermead Island, means that this year we are unable to offer all of the land based activities and entertainment that would usually support the Regatta on the main day (Saturday).

The Regatta relies totally on the income from the land-based entertainment to cover the costs for setting up insurances (public liability), marquees, fencing, security, and much more. Most of these costs are driven by the need to comply with the ever-increasing requirements placed upon all such events by Council and Policing regulations. All volunteers work free of any charge, offering their assistance out of community spirit, in order to keep this historic event running, year after year.

Last year we attempted to run the Regatta in the usual manner but because of significant cost increases to all items that are necessary to purchase or hire, we had to make cutback's in order to manage costs within available funding. Many people appreciated these efforts, but there were of course a number who were disappointed that we could not offer the entertainment of previous years.

Sadly, if we are to continue to hold this historic event, then we need local volunteers to come forward and take it's running. Race entry fees alone do not cover more than about 1% of the costs of a normal event and volunteers are essential to manage the commercial part of stalls, bars etc., which raise the funding to cover the costs of infrastructure, insurances and security.

If you are interested in becoming part of the organising volunteers for 2024, then please email your contact details to [membership@sunburyregatta.com](mailto:membership@sunburyregatta.com)

Kind regards,  
The Chairman and Committee



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## **SUNBURY AMATEUR REGATTA 2023**

### **SATURDAY 12<sup>th</sup> AUGUST – SENIOR REGATTA**

Racing starts: 09:30 am

Prizegiving: approx. 4:30pm

### **SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> AUGUST – JUNIOR REGATTA\***

Racing starts: 10:30

Prizegiving: To be advised

- Junior practice will take place every Sunday from 10:00am until 12:00pm, starting from Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July. Age group is 7-15 years old.