



Dear Team Leader / Parents

Re Mini Sprint Series 2008

To confirm the arrangements for the Mini Sprint Series at the June regatta. The Sprint Racing Committee and Participation Program see the mini sprint series as part of a paddlers Long Term Paddler Progression. To this end there will be a coaching program run at the finish end of the Regatta course plus the opportunity for some paddlers to develop onto racing on the course.

The new Canoe England club and coach officers will be delivering coaching throughout the weekend to assist in the long term preparation of the Athletes into racing at the regatta. This will run in conjunction with Andy Train and the canoe program.

Part of the coaching program will include a 1km Heat which will be used to select which paddlers are able to race the finals this will take place at 9.25 pre the main racing starting.

All entries should be placed via the normal entry systems for the regatta, late entries will be taken in exceptional circumstances at the Regatta secretary's table just after the team leaders meeting as per all other racing classes.

As part of the program, crew boats will be made up by Regatta officials from the 1km heat results. These will be clearly displayed in good time before the racing.

Clubs will be responsible for launching the correct paddlers in the correct boat with the correct lane number as per all the other racing classes.

Points for the Mini Sprint series will be worked out as per the Racing Handbook, all mini sprint entrants will receive a certificate and the winners of the racing will receive medals.

Hopefully this answers many of the questions that you have over the mini sprints.

Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm over this.

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