

# Thames Ditton Regatta

Saturday, 14 May, 2022

## Open Challenge8s

**Thank you for entering this. Here's a reminder of how it works.**

- Crews race their first round in pairs so you get the feel of a side-by-side race but you are also being TIMED. The times define which final you get into. Therefore it is not enough merely to beat the other crew – you should cover the course as fast as you can. Equally, press on even if you are losing as your time matters.
- The **Women's Challenge8s** has 6 entries. In the timed first rounds, crews have been paired up based on CRI so the crews with the highest and 4<sup>th</sup> highest CRI race each other, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. This should minimise the chance of the same crews racing each other in both rounds, but please accept that this may happen. The 2 fastest crews will race each other for pots in the A final, the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> fastest crews will race in the B final, and the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> fastest crews will race in the C final. There are no prizes for the winners for the B and C finals.
- Following a scratching, the **Open Challenge8s** has 5 entries. The crews will do a round robin in the timed first round i.e. A vs B, C vs D, E vs A, B vs C, D vs E. This means each crew races once on each station. The aggregate time for the crews is calculated and the fastest FOUR then race finals: The fastest and 2<sup>nd</sup> fastest in the A final for pots, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> fastest in the B final. The fifth fastest crew from the round robin does not race a final.
- As TDR uses a free start, to make times comparable across heats, timing will be done from a fixed point which will be shortly after the start.
- The times for the first round will be published, when available, on the board at the Secretary's tent and on Twitter @TDRRegatta. Please check this to find out which final you are racing in, and which station you're on.
- Finals are not timed.
- Please note any information on EasyRegatta about race times or the draw for Challenge8s is incorrect as it can't cope with this innovative format. For the same reason, Challenge8s results will not be published there.

**If any Challenge8s crew needs to scratch, please let the Regatta Secretary know as soon as you arrive on site as this will require re-drawing the event.**