



LONGBOAT RACE WEEKEND

18th & 19th March 2017

Shrewsbury

SARC invite you to a weekend of longboat racing on the Severn River.
This year - in addition to the Montford Challenge on Saturday – we are offering a Sprint race series on a circuit of the river in Shrewsbury Sunday morning.

We have also arranged a presentation evening with entertainment at the Pengwern Boat Club on Saturday evening so those travelling longer distances can make the most of the weekend rowing in Shropshire.

MONTFORD CHALLENGE ROW - Saturday – 18th March 2017

Race format & summary.

The Montford Challenge will take place on the River Severn Shrewsbury. The race will be a time trial format, downstream for approximately 11 miles distance through open countryside into the Shrewsbury town centre. The race should take approximately 1.5 -2.5 hours depending on river & weather conditions.

The race is open to Celtic & Pembroke longboats - classes are listed on the booking form. Coxes are allowed to swap with crew. No Passengers. ie 5 crew.

The race will be held under the rules of the Welsh Sea Rowing Association with specific variations / additions.

The race start is located at Montford Bridge, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, **SY4 1EB**. Food and refreshments will be available at the The Wingfield Arms pub approximately 250m from the race start.

Taxi transport will be available from Pengwern (finish) to the start for those who need to take empty trailers to the finish prior to the race.

The race finish is located at Pengwern Boat Club, Kingsland, Shrewsbury, Shropshire **SY3 7BD**. This Victorian boathouse overlooking the Quarry and river is a great venue with balconies to view the racing. Race food, bar, refreshments, male & female changing & shower facilities will be available there.

Parking for trailers & crew/ towing cars is available at the boathouse. There are public car parks nearby – details of these will be provided.

Montford Challenge row & sprint race summary 2017

Visiting crews can load boats and other equipment onto their trailers ready for journey home after the Saturday race (the sprint racing on Sunday will use SARC boats only).

The evening will kick off with race presentation followed by DJ & live band sets. BBQ food will be available to purchase.

Full details of weekend, race rules etc will be issued 2 weeks prior to the race.

Provisional Timetable – Montford Challenge Row - Saturday 18 March 2017

Time	Activity	Location
09.00 – 10.45	Crews arrive at the start area & unload	Wingfield Arms Montford Bridge
09.00 – 11.30	Boat preparation	Wingfield Arms Montford Bridge
09.30 – 11.00	Registration	Wingfield Arms Montford Bridge
09.00 – 01.00	Bacon baps / hot and cold drinks / food available	Wingfield Arms Montford Bridge
09.30 – 11.15	Drivers take trailers to finish location	Pengwern Boat Club
11.00 – 14.00	Bar open & pub meals.	Wingfield Arms Montford Bridge
10.00 – 11.30	Transport for pre booked drivers back to start	Pengwern Boat Club to Montford Bridge
11.45	RACE BRIEFING– All crews must attend	Wingfield Arms Montford Bridge
12.30 approx	RACE START First boat off & all boats follow at 2 -3 minute intervals	Montford Bridge
1.00 -onwards	Bar, Food & drinks etc.	Pengwern Boat Club
14.00 – 16.30	Crews finish / Boats retrieved form river to trailers Etc.	Pengwern Boat Club
14.30 -17.00	Race food available	Pengwern Boat Club
16.30	Anticipated latest boat finish	Pengwern Boat Club
19.00	Race Presentation	Pengwern Boat Club
19.45	Music / BBQ etc	Pengwern Boat Club

The Pengwern Boathouse



Shrewsbury Sprint Racing - Sunday 19th March 2017.

The sprint race will be held on the River Severn loop in Shrewsbury with races starting and finishing at the Pengwern Boat Club. The event will use SARC Celtic Longboats to have simple, exciting, racing.

The race will be a sprint race format over a 1 -1.5 mile course with 2-3 boats racing head-to-head in repechage heats, semi-finals and finals, so crews get multiple opportunities to row.

Please indicate on the booking form where requested which crews or individuals entering the main Saturday event are up for this on Sunday, so we can plan races & team up partial crews. We have a lot of interest so far.

Provisional Timetable – Shrewsbury Town Centre Sprint race – Sunday 19 March 2017

Time	Activity	Location
09.30 – 10.00	Arrive at Pengwern Boat Club	Pengwern Boat Club
09.30 – 10.00	Boat preparation of SARC boats only	Pengwern Boat Club
09.30 – 10.15	Registration & Race briefing	Pengwern Boat Club
10.00 – 14.30	Bacon Baps / Drinks / food available	Pengwern Boat Club
10.30 onwards	RACE 's commence - Heats / semi's / Final	Pengwern Boat Club
14.00 latest	Sprint race Presentation	Pengwern Boat Club

Race fee for the Montford Challenge is £10.00 per crew member to include race food & evening entertainment. The Sunday race is free.

To register for race's use the following link for online booking form & payment.

<https://form.jotform.com/70332492631956>

Camping and accommodation information.

1. Camping / caravan / campervan facilities available at the West Mid Showgrounds in Shrewsbury, next to the river and approximately 25 minutes walk from the Pengwern Boat Club (race finish location) – Flat Rate is £10 per caravan, camper or tent per night – please email Justin to book – justinjohnreynolds@gmail.com
2. Caravan / campervan facilities available at race start location at Montford bridge - Please call the Wingfield Caravan Park for details and booking – 07853 934379 or thewingfieldcaravanpark@gmail.com. Quote Montford Challenge Row – For pitches please enquire as limited number available.
3. Shrewsbury area Hotels, B&B's – see www.shropshiretourism.co.uk/where-to-stay.html
4. The best located town centre hotel is the Premier Inn which is 10 mins walk from Pengwern Boat Club.
5. If you cannot park your boat trailer or car where you are staying please contact us for assistance.
6. There is an Arriva No. 70 bus service available to / from Shrewsbury & Montford bridge.

Contact and Communication Information:

7. Race control - VHF Communication Channel – (TBC at the race briefing)
8. Race Control - dedicated emergency mobile phone number – for use during race only – (TBC at the race briefing)
9. Shropshire Adventure Rowing Club Organiser – Justin Reynolds 07973 823472 – justinjohnreynolds@gmail.com
10. Shropshire Adventure Rowing Club Organiser – Geoffrey Barton 07921 894921
11. Shropshire Adventure Rowing Club Commodore – Paul King 07772 228736
12. Shropshire Adventure Rowing Club Safety Officer – Bev Scragg 07813 751550
13. Shrewsbury Hospital - 01743 261000