

METROPOLITAN AMATEUR REGATTA 2023

TRAFFIC AND PARKING ARRANGEMENTS

General

Visitors to the regatta should exercise caution at all times as roads will be shared by vehicles, cycles and pedestrians. Direction from regatta staff and officials or Dorney Lake staff should be followed and those failing to do so may be required to leave the site. Abuse of regatta staff will not be tolerated. Parking is permitted in designated areas only and car access to the island is strictly limited to officials and staff on regatta business. Parking will not be charged for the 2023 regatta.

Traffic Flow

Entry to the site will be along the main access road (Arboretum Road) and there will be a control point at the Ash Tree. The main gate will open at 0630hrs each day and the barrier will open at 0700hrs. You will not be able to access the site before 0700hrs. There will be a two-way traffic flow on the Arboretum Road beyond the Ash Tree and all users should exercise caution as towing vehicles will be using this road. Those permitted to enter the island should note that the traffic flow will also be two-way. Exit from the site will be through the spectator car parks and vehicles will be directed onto this road at the Ash Tree control point.

Towing Vehicles and Boat Trailers

Access will be along the Arboretum Road with parking in the main car park and overflow car park. Regatta staff will be available in the car park on Friday from mid day, Saturday and Sunday mornings to direct trailers to parking slots and their directions must be followed. Boats may be delivered to the site until 6pm on Friday evening and from 7am on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Competitor and Spectator Parking

Access will be along the Arboretum Road and vehicles will be directed to turn right at the Ash Tree towards the spectator car park. Cars must not be parked in any other areas.

Subscriber Parking

There will be no dedicated subscribers parking at the 2023 event.

Disabled Drop Off

Vehicles with blue disabled parking passes will be permitted to continue on the Arboretum Road past the Ash Tree to drop off disabled passengers at the end of the bund, near the finish and spectator tent. Vehicles will be required to return to the spectator or subscriber parking areas after dropping off.

Regatta Officials and Staff

Regatta officials and staff displaying valid passes may use all roads for regatta business, including the island. Parking will be available in all car parks, in Car Park S, behind the boathouse and at the start towers. Officials are requested not to park at the finish tower.

Exiting the Site

Trailers and other vehicles departing the main car park should use the Arboretum Road and will be directed towards the site exit from the Ash Tree control point. Traffic on the Arboretum Road will be two-way and drivers should be wary of other vehicles, parked cars and cyclists using this road. Vehicles leaving the spectator and subscriber car parks will be directed towards the exit by regatta staff.

Cycling

Cyclists should exercise caution at all times on the site, be wary of other traffic, boating equipment and pedestrians and heed relevant signage. In particular, for safety reasons, cycling is not permitted in the areas around the boathouse. Coaches following races should do so on the island only. They are strongly advised to exercise caution as this is a two-way road and will be shared with other cyclists and official vehicles. Other cyclists are not permitted to enter the island during the regatta.

General Public

Members of the public are welcome as spectators to the regatta and are required to adhere to the traffic and parking arrangements set out above for the period of the regatta. Attention is drawn to arrangements in place to ensure the safety of pedestrians and cyclists as the site may become quite busy for periods over the weekend. In particular pedestrians and non-regatta cyclists are not permitted to enter the island during the regatta, owing to the hazard presented by groups of fast-moving regatta cyclists following races.

Contingency

These arrangements may be altered in the event of adverse weather or other circumstances restricting the use of grassed areas for parking. If necessary and if time permits an alternative traffic and parking plan will be issued before the regatta. Visitors should follow the directions of regatta staff at all times.