

Weather update: Cambridge Spring Regatta

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The weather-watchers among you will have noticed that Sunday is forecast for moderate wind with very strong gusts.

We will continue to monitor the weather, but at this stage, we plan to go ahead.

Make sure that your captain, coach or bank party are signed up for our WhatsApp group for race-day announcements: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/Gmq17LTKXPTEhH0EETMMWM>

If you have any questions or concerns, the best way to reach us is by email, spring@cambridge99.org

Here's our thinking, to help you make your own choices about safety for your crews and coxes.

The wind is W moving to WSW. That means it's a headwind on the reach (the main part of the course) but a crosswind as you turn at Railway Bridge towards the P&E. It will also be a crosswind at the two marshalling positions (Green Dragon/Stourbridge and the Plough/Motorway).

Experienced crews (bands A, B, C, D, CRA, Fellows):

- We are considering a shorter course (Ditton to Railway, rather than Ditton to the Beer Tree). This avoids racing into the crosswind after Railway, and also provides more room for marshalling away from houseboats. We will announce on Sunday morning if the decision is made to shorten the course, via WhatsApp and the website.
- We also have experienced marshals along the course to help keep boats safe.
- If your cox is inexperienced in these conditions, or is nervous about coxing for any reason, *you may substitute any experienced cox* regardless of their eligibility for college racing. For example, if your coach is also a cox, they could cox your racing crew.
- We believe these measures will provide safe racing, but do get in touch if you have any concerns.

Lower boats (bands E + F):

- See above for experienced boats re: shortened course and marshals
- As above *you may substitute any experienced cox* into your boat.
- In addition, lower boats have the option to scratch for a full refund, if they believe the racing is not safe for their crew in these conditions. For example, if you are racing a boat of summer novices with only a few weeks rowing experience, and also have a novice cox, you might decide this outing is unsafe for your crew.

- We ask that you make your scratches by Saturday night, so that we can redraw without your crew on Sunday morning.

You can read the notes to competitors, our risk assessment and event management plan on our website at <https://www.cambridge99.org/events/spring>

Happy racing!

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On behalf of the Regatta Committee

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