Vesta Scullers Head, 63rd Edition
1330, Saturday 26th November 2016

Only single sculls are allowed. The entry fee is £37. Entries will only be accepted via the British Rowing Online Entries system. Entries close on **Saturday 12th November**.

The race will be held under the Rules of British Rowing; the British Rowing Rules of Racing will apply.

****BE AWARE****

Entries might close before 12th November if we reach capacity. We will keep this website, our Twitter account (@scullershead) and the Facebook page (http://www.facebook.com/ScullersHead) updated.

All participants must be aware of their responsibility to themselves and others with regards to their ability to take part safely in the event in the conditions as they find them on the day. Please do not enter this race if you are not capable of dealing with the likely conditions.

All entrants are expected to be able to complete the course in under 30 minutes and be able to see well enough to steer themselves (i.e. to a similar standard to driving on the road - if you need glasses to drive, you need glasses to scull the Tideway). The organisers reserve the right to withdraw competitors during the event if this limit is, or any of the other entry requirements are, not likely to be met.

Nominate your boating location

We are asking you to nominate your boating location we will be aiming to delivering race numbers either to that location or a close boathouse on the morning of the race. We will inform you and publicise via the website and social media where your number will be delivered to.

It is vital that the nomination is accurate and that permission is sought, and gained, from the location. Failure to have the correct location listed might result in your not having a number in the correct place - NO NUMBER, NO RESULT. The organisers CANNOT find locations for you. If your preferred location is not shown, please contact us and we'll ask British Rowing to add it to our list.

Course: the traditional 4.25 miles from Mortlake to Putney, under the British Rowing Rules of Racing and Row Safe.

Categories offered: Men & Women - all categories (senior, intermediate & novice); Lightweight (Elite, IM1 and IM3 only); J18; Masters A-I and Masters Novice A (other Masters Novice

categories will be offered if demand exists - please contact us).

If your desired category does not exist (e.g. older Masters Novice or differently experienced lightweights), note this in your entry and we will add categories if demand exists.

Prizes will be awarded in categories with three or more entrants.

Juniors: No competitor will be allowed to compete if his or her date of birth is after 5th December 2000.

Lightweights: men 75kg, women 61.5kg. Please be advised that there will only be two weigh-in stations this year, Putney and Chiswick. **Failure to weigh-in or to make weight will make a sculler ineligible for a position and they will receive a time only**.

The draw and instructions to competitors (marshalling, maps, number collection times etc) will be published on this site the week before the race.

Enquiries: scullers.head@vestarowing.co.uk

Results and Prizes

Provisional results will be posted at Vesta Rowing Club as soon as possible after racing, and on this website.

Prizegiving will be held at Vesta Rowing Club a week or so after the event. The current provisional date for prizegiving is Wednesday 6th December, 2015 at 7:30pm. Winners will receive an invitation with complete details.

As with the last few editions, we awarded medals recast from the original die created for the second Vesta Scullers Head in 1955 and are delighted to be awarding the same design this year.

The fastest man and woman have in recent years been awarded a trophy based on Henry Blackstaffe. (We intend to do the same this year, although there may be a delay in awarding the trophy until we obtain more copies.)

In memory of Alec Hodges, their legendary coach to generations of scullers from beginners to internationals, Tideway Scullers School generously donated two perpetual trophies to be awarded to the winning novices – one for the men (modelled on Alan Campbell) and one for the women (modelled on Tash Howard).

The Small Print

To ensure that the Scullers Head is not subject to VAT the organisers are obliged by VAT regulations to include the following statement in promotional material for the event – “The Scullers Head is organised by Vesta Rowing Club, a Community Amateur Sports Club, that applies any surplus on the event to further the sport of rowing.”