



Cockleshell Challenge 2017

Please find below a quick-fire list of our plans for next weekend's (20th/21st May) Open Rowing Event at ECA.

Please be aware that this is the first such rowing event that we've run at ECA so please excuse any small oversights we might make along the way!

At the moment we're expecting entries from the following:

- ECA - PoC Bob Evans - 2 x Cornish Pilot Gigs
- Hamble River Rowing Club - PoC Dianna Roberts - Bursledon Gig
- Langstone Cutters Gig Club - PoC Alan Robinson - Cornish Pilot Gig
- Langstone Cutters Rowing Club - PoC Christine Ball - Cornish Pilot Gig
- Pat Sherwin Rowing Trust - PoC Jeremy Lear
- Richmond Bridge Boat Club - PoC Ian Chappell - Cornish Pilot Gig
- Tudor Sailing Club - PoC Ian Ducane - Cygnus Rowing Gig

A brief summary of what we have planned:

Saturday:

- Several / many sprint races in / around Langstone Harbour Entrance. Last race of the day will be "The Fairway Trophy" – about 1.2 NM. This event kindly sponsored by Mike Gilbert of Langstone Adventure Rowing. Safety briefing 1100, first race about 1200
- BBQ on our clubhouse balcony from about 3pm / 8pm. (*Guide price – burger and trimmings - £2*). "Cockleshell Challenge Beer" at just £1 a pint. All proceeds from the beer sales to our nominated charity for the event (see below). We also plan to be selling home-made cake - and all proceeds from the cake sales will go to our nominated charity.
- About 2030 - Live Entertainment from "The Three Belles". An excellent "Andrews Sisters" tribute band - see www.thethreebelles.com

Sunday:

- "The Cockleshell Challenge". Safety briefing 0930. Race start 1030, about 7.3NM - heading east along Southsea Beach, turning south to round Horse Sand Fort and back again, finishing at ECA Line opposite our clubhouse.

Arriving:

- Our address is Ferry Road, Portsmouth PO4 9LY. Arrivals Saturday morning. We have plenty of available yard space – anyone who'd like to arrive before Saturday – no problem, but please let us know so that we can arrange. Cooked breakfast will be available at ECA Galley from 8.30 AM. (*Guide price - about £5 for a Full English*).

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Safety Briefings:

- Safety Briefing and Courses etc. on Saturday at 1100, Sunday at 0930. We ask that everyone attends.
- Also we'd ask that everyone brings personal buoyancy along with them.

Security

- All visiting cars will be given a "Cockleshell Challenge" car pass to display in your vehicle. Please park cars, trailers etc at the northern end of our yard. Guests will also be issued with coloured wristbands. Our car park has a barrier across it – our members will be at the gate to let you in / out again on both days.

IMPORTANT: DO NOT ATTEMPT TO TOW A TRAILER UNDER THE RAISED BARRIER CAR ENTRANCES WITHOUT FIRST LOCKING UP THE BARRIER! BOTH ENTERING AND LEAVING! MEMBERS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST.

- To comply with licencing laws, we **must** ensure that everyone is signed in to our clubhouse visitor's book. One sign-in for the whole weekend is adequate.

Safety

- ECA Yard is often very busy. There are likely to be many boat movements all through the day. There are also tractors operating in the yard, please remain alert.
- Also, and importantly – ECA uses two heavy-duty winches for launching boats down / up the slipway. Please be extra vigilant when near the winch cables which run down the centre of each of our slipways. The winches are only operated by trained key-card holders.
- Once you have launched, please move your gigs and crews well away from the foot of the slipway, for both safety reasons and to avoid any congestion. Beware any wash from passing vessels when on the beach.
- Fresh water wash-off is available at the top of the northern-most slip on your return.
- After recovery, please move your gigs promptly to the north compound to avoid any congestion.

Facilities:

- Showers etc. are available in the clubhouse. Disabled facilities and baby change is also available, along with a disabled lift to our first floor club room.
- ECA has its own professionally-run galley and bar. The galley will be serving breakfast from 0830 on both days, lunch served from noon. Note that Sunday Lunch can get busy – please ask everyone to book directly with the ladies at the galley in advance should they like to have a Sunday Lunch *Guide price: Sunday Roast about £7.*
- Bar – the bar will be open noon – 11pm on both days. *Guide Price – Doombar £2.40, Kronenburg £2.80*

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Our Nominated Charity:

Our nominated charity for the whole weekend will be “The Royal Marines Charity” www.theroyalmarinescharity.org. Coin Buckets will be at the bar and the proceeds of the complementary barrel of beer that we have been kindly given by our suppliers and cakes donated by our members will be donated to the charity.



Presentation:

Sunday - Early Afternoon.

- The Langstone Fairway Trophy
- The Cockleshell Challenge Trophy
- Souvenir Cockleshell Medals for all participants

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