

B A S H E R



Saturday 25th April 2015

Eton College Rowing Centre

A Guide for Spectators

The BASHER races came into being over ten years ago out of a desire to provide close racing for all standards of crews, and to address the problem faced by schools with large rowing programmes that traditional regattas offer little for lower crews. The names of the six schools originally involved in forming the races formed the acronym BASHER (Bedford, Abingdon, St Paul's, Hampton, Eton, Radley) but the event has proved popular with other schools in the Thames Valley and today we also play host to Shiplake and Reading Blue Coat. In many ways today's races are the multi-lane big sister of the Eton Invitational Head which attracts a number of crews in January. Both events often open the competitive term for many of those involved.

The format of the racing is as follows:

At 1245 (hopefully) there will be a 1900m time trial for all crews involved in racing. This should last for around half an hour, with faster crews covering the course in around 6 minutes.

There is then a break for lunch.

After lunch crews are assigned to multi-lane races according to how fast they went in their time trial (first race at 1500 we hope). There are no separate categories of racing. Thus a J16B crew might well end up racing a J15A crew, and a fast J14 octo could well race against J15 (or older!) eights. The majority of these races are 4 lanes across and over 1500m (finishing at the 1500m board). After the first race, the fastest crew moves up into the group above, and the slowest crew moves down. Crews then race a second time in their new groups. The top twelve crews from the time trial will race over 2000m, finishing opposite the finish tower at the end of the course. The slowest thirteen crews will race only once more, at the beginning of the second round.

Participating crews and numbers

	BED	ABN	SPS	HAM	ETN	RAD	RBL	SHP
1st 8+	B1						L1	
2nd 8+	B2	A1	S1	H1	E1	R1	L2	K1
3rd 8+	B3		S1	H2	E2	R2	L3	
4th 8+				H3				
J16 A 8+	B4	A2	S3	H4	E3		L4	K2
J16 B 8+		A3		H5	E4	R3		
J16 C 8+					E5			
J15 A 8+	B5	A4	S4	H6	E6	R4	L5	K3
J15 B 8+	B6	A5	S5	H7	E7	R5	L6	K4
J15 C 8+	B7	A6		H8	E8	R6		
J15 D 8+				H9	E9			
J15 C 8+					E10			
J14 A 8x+	B8		S6			R7		K5
J14 B 8x+	B9		S7			R8		K6
J14 C 8x+	B10		S8			R9		
J14 D 8x+						R10		

Processional race start order

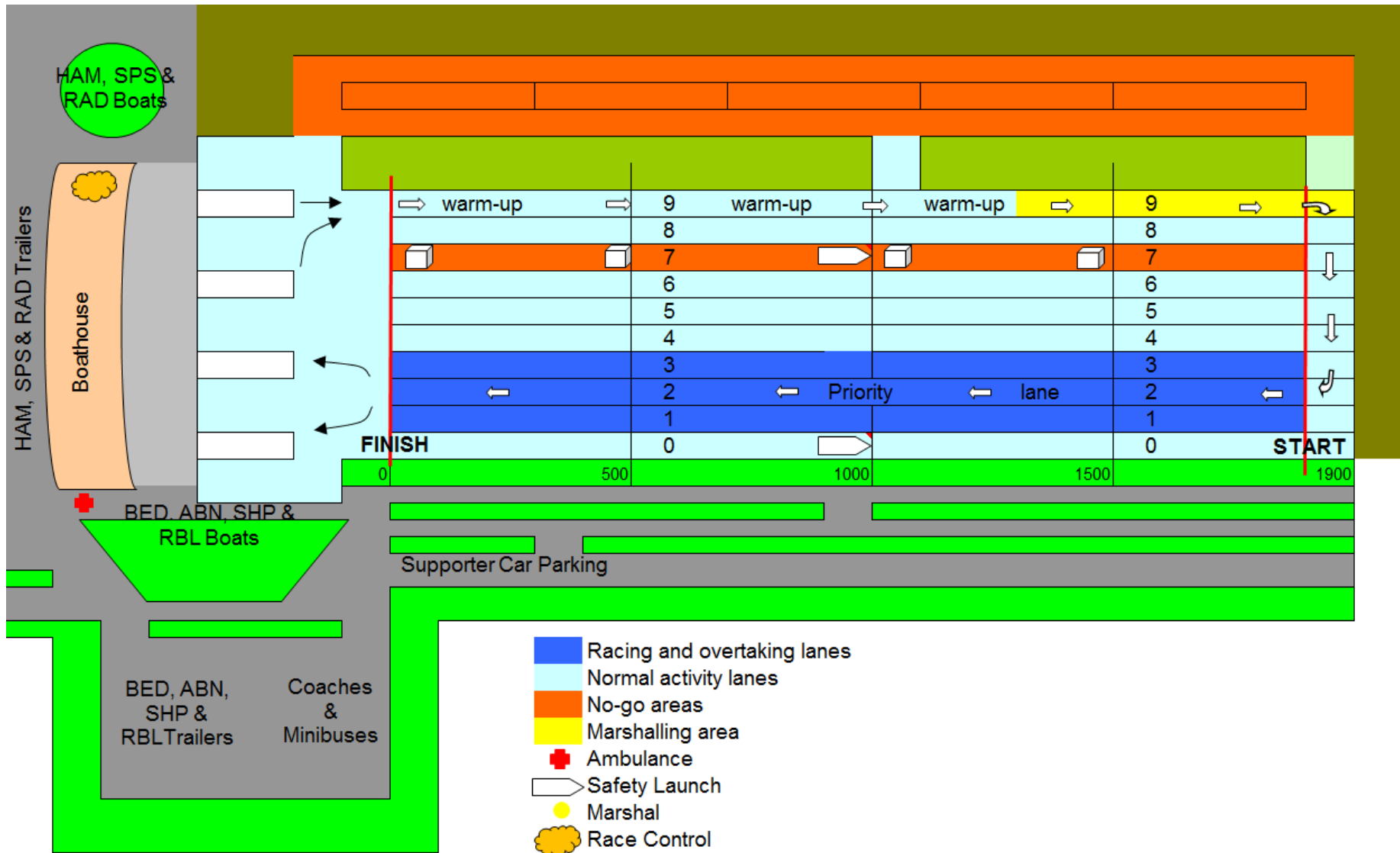
1	E1	1st & 2nd 8+
2	L1	
3	B1	
4	H1	
5	S1	
6	A1	
7	R1	
8	B2	
9	K1	
10	L2	
11	H4	J16 A 8+
12	S3	
13	E3	
14	K2	
15	A2	
16	L4	
17	B4	
18	H2	3rd 8+
19	E2	
20	B3	
21	L3	
22	S1	
23	R2	
24	E4	J16 B 8+
25	R3	
26	A3	
27	H5	
28	S4	J15A 8+
29	L5	
30	R4	
31	B5	
32	K3	
33	A4	
34	E6	
35	H6	

36	H3	4th 8+
37	E5	J16 C 8+
38	B6	J15 B 8+
39	A5	
40	S5	
41	H7	
42	E7	
43	R5	
44	L6	
45	K4	
46	B8	J14 A 8x+
47	R7	
48	K5	
49	S6	
50	R6	J15 C 8+
51	E8	
52	H8	
53	A6	
54	B7	
55	K6	J14 B 8x+
56	R8	
57	B9	
58	S7	
59	E9	J15 D 8+
60	H9	
61	R9	J14 C 8x+
62	B10	
63	S8	
64	R10	J14 D 8x+
65	E10	J15 E 8+

Processional boating times

Crew nos.	Boating times
1-10	12:15
11-20	12:19
21-30	12:23
31-40	12:27
41-50	12:31
51+	12:35

Processional circulation pattern

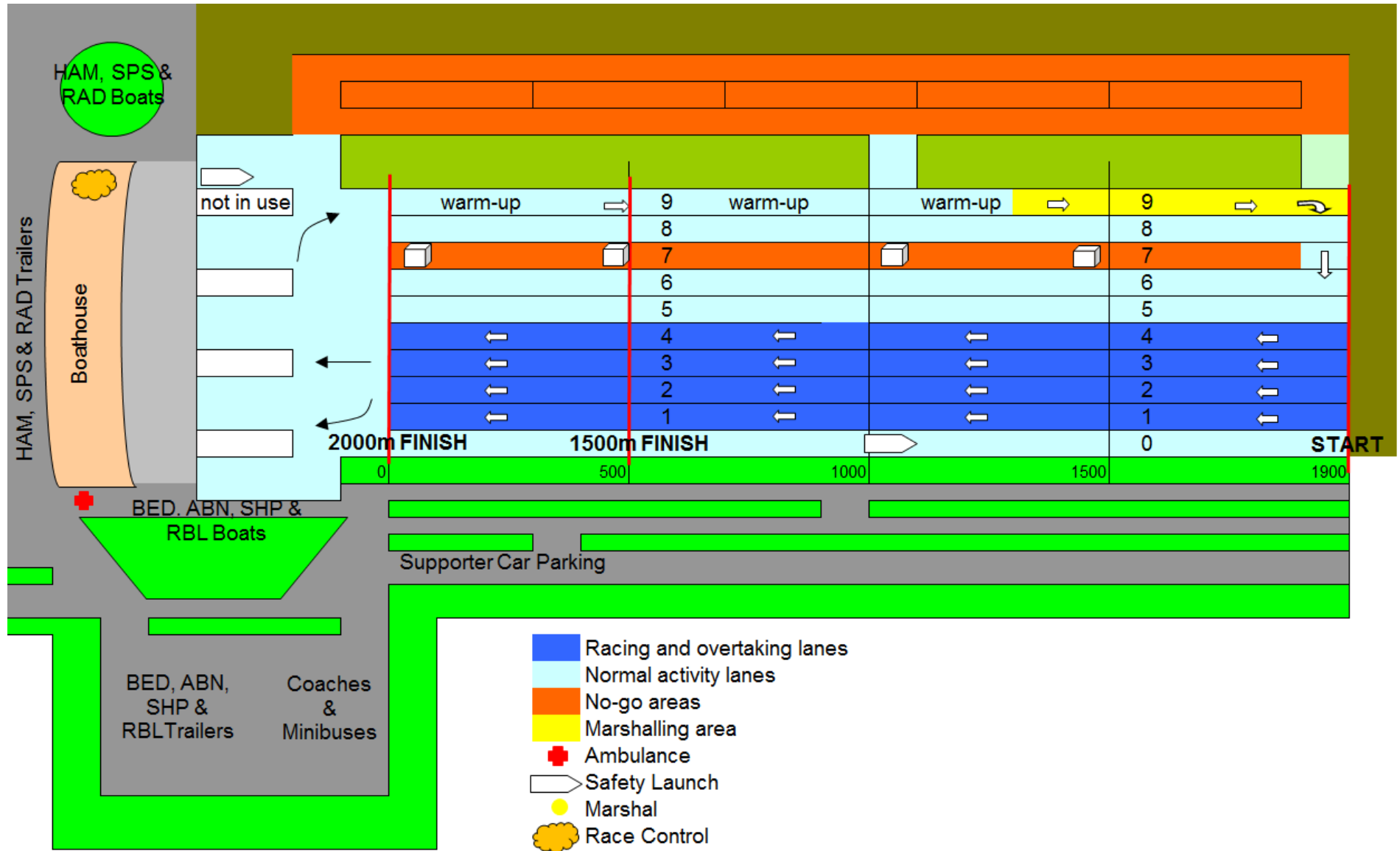


Programme of multi-lane racing

After the processional time trial we will endeavour to produce the multi-lane draw as quickly as possible. Obviously we need to make this information available to coaches and crews first, copies will then be available from outside Reception at the north east end of the boathouse.

Race Time	Race no.	Race type	Boating time
15:00	1	seeded 6 lane 2000m semi-final	14:35
15:06	2	seeded 6 lane 2000m semi-final	14:41
15:12	3	seeded 4 lane 1500m race	14:47
15:18	4	seeded 4 lane 1500m race	14:53
15:24	5	seeded 4 lane 1500m race	14:59
15:30	6	seeded 4 lane 1500m race	15:05
15:36	7	seeded 4 lane 1500m race	15:11
15:42	8	seeded 4 lane 1500m race	15:17
15:48	9	seeded 4 lane 1500m race	15:23
15:54	10	seeded 4 lane 1500m race	15:29
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Multi-lane circulation pattern



Nemato Rowing Club

For the sixth time this year the Eton Invitational Head and the BASHER races are being run in aid of the Nemato rowing club. ECBC has never made any profit from these events, as we charge a very low entry fee (to cover facilities hired in for the day), and you will have noticed that such things as parking and this programme are free. We hope to make a decent sum to send to support Nemato Rowing Club.

Nemato Rowing Club is in South Africa (Nemato is short for Nelson Mandela Township) in the town of Port Alfred. Some of the schools present today have visited the club or have close links with it (notably Radley and Eton). It is about a good deal more than sport. Through such things as homework clubs, the discipline of being involved in a sport such as rowing, and even something as basic as decent nutrition, it is a real benefit to the community and allows those with few opportunities a real chance to better themselves. The club has won a number of awards in South Africa and is a wonderful example of what sport can offer a community.



Members of ECBC with members of Nemato RC during our tour of South Africa in 2008. It is pretty easy to see that nutrition is a major issue in the township