



## **WALLINGFORD ROWING CLUB LTD**

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**WALLINGFORD REGATTA 2007  
SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> MAY at DORNEY LAKE**

Once again, Sunday's Wallingford Regatta continues to reinforce its position as the largest one-day regatta in the UK, hosted by Wallingford Rowing Club. Over 2000 individuals and over 600 crews will be taking part, with 300 crews unable to participate as the event was oversubscribed.

Given its size, the regatta will again be held at Dorney Lake between Maidenhead and Windsor. This world-class facility was the location for last year's Rowing World Championships and will be the venue for London's Olympic regatta in 2012.

Wallingford Regatta Chairman Phil Haycock said "We were honoured to be allowed to be the first open regatta on this course in 2001 and we continue to be honoured to use it. The rowing community is indebted to the vision of Eton College in constructing the course."

Not only have entries been received from the whole of the UK, but a crew from Marine Technical University, St. Petersburg, Russia has also entered. Local interest around Wallingford is strong with the host club having six crews entered, and Abingdon School and Radley College having 17 entries each. Around Dorney Lake itself Maidenhead have entered 10 crews and Eton College 13. Trophies are on offer for 65 separate classes of boats and/or standard from under 14s and beginners to Elite, for both men and women.

The Dorney Lake complex includes extensive park land, an arboretum and a wild life area (in preparation). It is well signposted from the M4, Junction 7. Regatta admission for spectators is £10 per car to include all occupants, car parking and a copy of the programme.

Racing begins at 08:00, with races at 5 minute intervals until early evening. The Mayor of Wallingford, Councillor Nigel Moor, will present the prizes.

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### **Notes to Editors**

For further information on Wallingford Regatta contact Phil Haycock, Wallingford Regatta Chairman (Tel 01491 824372) or Dorney Lake, off Court Lane, Dorney, Windsor, SL4 6QP (Tel 01753 832756). See [www.wallingford.regatta.org.uk](http://www.wallingford.regatta.org.uk) and [www.dorneylake.com](http://www.dorneylake.com). For more information on Wallingford Rowing Club visit [www.wallingford.rowing.org.uk](http://www.wallingford.rowing.org.uk) or email [membership@wallingfordrc.co.uk](mailto:membership@wallingfordrc.co.uk).