

HEMINGFORDS' REGATTA 2013

PARENTAL CONSENT

YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON THE RIVER UNLESS THIS FORM HAS BEEN SIGNED

Name(s) of children – under 16s			
Address			
Tel No		Date of Birth	
I have read and agree with the conditions below			
Signed Parent/Guardian		Date	
e-mail (optional)			

I give permission for the above named child(ren) to compete in Hemingfords' Regatta and to take part in practice sessions.

I confirm my child is capable of swimming 50 metres in the clothing they will wear when rowing.

I agree that:

- neither the members of the Regatta Committee nor any volunteers helping with the practice will be liable in respect of the death or any personal injury to my child(ren) as a result of his/her taking part in practice or in the Regatta.
- I will indemnify the Committee and such volunteers against any claim in respect of such liability.
- The Committee reserves the right to exclude any child(ren) from practice sessions due to disruptive behaviour.
- I will ensure my child wears suitable clothing and footwear for rowing – no thick clothing or open shoes.
- My child can take part in canoe practice (he/she may get wet!)

RULES:

Please ensure that your child(ren) are familiar with the following rules:

- No standing up in the boats when in midstream
- Coxes and rowers must never swap places in midstream
- No splashing
- Courtesy on the river
- Only coxes and rowers in the boats; no passengers

NOTES:

- **At all times you, as parent/guardian, continue to have full responsibility for your child.**
- Whilst every care is taken to ensure your child's safety on the river, we cannot be held responsible for their, and others, behaviour on the riverbank. (Please note practice takes place from a public footpath so we have no control over passers-by).
- Although practice is advertised between certain times, this is at the discretion of the organisers. Bad weather, poor light, high winds, etc. can prevent the practices. Please make sure that your child(ren) can either make their own way home or that some other arrangements are made as we cannot be held responsible for seeing children home if practice is cancelled.
- If practices are cancelled we will post a notice at the practice site.
- Please be aware that the river contains a number of waterborne diseases. Most will result in sickness and diarrhoea, but swallowing water can also lead to more serious infections. In order to reduce the chances of infection please ensure that any cuts or abrasions your children have are covered by waterproof dressings.
- If your child shows any signs of being unwell please consider obtaining medical advice more quickly than usual.
- Weil's disease is a particularly nasty water borne infection which can lead to kidney or liver failure. The most common early symptoms are high temperature, influenza like illness, and muscle pains. If your child experiences these symptoms tell your doctor they have been undertaking water sports and ask for a blood test for Weil's disease.

CAN YOU HELP?

We always need help from parents to keep an eye on the safety (and behaviour!) of the children while they are practising. We will lend you air horns and two way radios so you can signal to the children and summon help if needed. You will need to sit in either the Churchyard, on the bank near the canoes or the Regatta field for an hour and watch events on the river. If you can help please contact:

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The Regatta is only able to take place through the work of volunteers. We cannot emphasise enough how much we need your help with the children's safety.