

Dear All,

You may be aware that the CPGA Rules 2015 which came out last week prohibit CPGA clubs from racing GRP gigs against wooden gigs in inter-club competitions.

You may also be aware that, at least since Penryn RC took over the running of the GFRR, we have welcomed all types of craft, including wooden gigs, skiffs, flashboats, sliding seat craft, kayaks, paddleboards, surf-boats and of course, GRP gigs. Because of the wide variety of craft and our all-inclusive approach for participation, this event has never been run strictly under CPGA Rules. Penryn RC would very much like to see that the event should continue on this all-inclusive basis.

This year we are changing the format of the event with so that it will be less affected by weather conditions and therefore a safer environment for all craft and competitors to participate, The start and finish will be at Boscawen Park and competitors will turn marks above the King Harry Ferry, This has meant that we have had to rewrite our event Risk Assessment to account for the new risks posed by the new format.

This will be explained in full at the pre-race briefing. In particular, GRP gigs will not start alongside wooden gigs and there will be separate turning marks, one for skiffs, flashboats and other small craft, one for wooden gigs, and one for surf-boats and GRP gigs. Times will of course be adjusted to take account of this.

There will be a full and detailed Safety Briefing/Coxes Meeting before the start which at least one person from each craft is asked to attend. This is likely to be approx. 4pm, but we will email precise details of time of briefing and other arrangements in due course.

If anyone has any concerns we suggest that they should check the position with their own insurers.

The entries received at present are:-

- Surfboats – 2 mixed crews
- Helford Mens Vets (possibly one other crew)
- Devoran 2 crews
- Praa Sands
- Boscastle 2 crews
- Nankersey 2 crews
- Truro 2 crews, 1 Men 1 Ladies
- Irene Mens crew (Irene wooden)
- Newquay 1 Ladies crew (Spy wooden)
- St Agnes 2 crews
- Penryn 1 Mens crew (Morlader wooden)
- Polperro various skiffs and flashboats
- Penryn various skiffs and flashboats

Please could you email to confirm which gigs are wooden and which are GRP, and any alterations or additions or confirmations of crew categories, as it will help us sort out the handicapping.

Kind Regards,

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