

Wargrave & Shiplake Regatta

Friday August 5th 2011

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The sun is out, the river is getting busy and plans for Wargrave & Shiplake Regatta 2011 are well advanced!

2010 was kind to the regatta: we had reasonable weather on both days; race numbers climbed to 374 (from a low of 329 in 2009); there was increased interest in our junior events - and most importantly, we managed to cover our costs.

However, our dongola punts are now over 20 years old and although we carry out regular maintenance programmes on all our boats, a number now need significant attention. Accordingly, we are having to budget some £5,000 per year for boat refurbishment through to 2016, and - ambitious though this necessarily is - planning is in hand.

More than ever, we are dependent on our Subscribers ...

Our Subscribers provide over 30% of the total funds needed to stage Wargrave & Shiplake regatta. Their support is - as ever - warmly appreciated, and it is only thanks to this that we are able to plan ahead with confidence.

WITH THIS IN MIND, WE VERY MUCH HOPE YOU WILL FEEL ABLE TO SUPPORT US AS A SUBSCRIBER.

Please return a Subscribers' Slip with your cheque (for no less than £7 per Weekend Enclosure Badge) to the address indicated.

We have, for several years, been increasingly concerned that a minority of people have been accessing the Regatta Enclosure without paying. There is no reason why the many should be disadvantaged by the few - so to make checking easier and more secure, we will be continuing with the WRISTBANDS introduced last year.

Enclosure Wristbands will be sent out to all Subscribers and will be on sale at the gate. Those entering events will receive Competitor Wristbands

PLEASE NOTE: Subscribers will continue to receive a Subscriber's Badge, which should be worn as well as an Enclosure Wristband. Colours will be complementary.

In the circumstances, we are keener than ever to attract newcomers to the Regatta – and new Subscribers!

The number of Subscribers has fallen significantly in recent years, a worrying trend. We cannot continue to 'rely on the few', and urgently need to bring this to the attention of everyone who attends the event.

We hope you will be able to support us as a Subscriber AS WELL AS competitor and spectator.

ENTRY FORMS

An Entry Form for this year's regatta is on the Regatta's website.

With our sincerest thanks for your continued support.

We look forward to seeing you, your family and friends on the riverbank in August!

P.D.Symons
Hon. Secretary

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