

Head of the River Weekend



When:

10th - 11th March 2018

Saturday - Women's Head of the River (WeHORR) 9:45

Sunday - Men's Head of the River (HORR) 10:45

Where:

The River Thames

Mortlake to Putney

NUBCSA Meeting Point:

Unfortunately due to the scale of the course we will not be able to have a designated meeting time and place. Those who have come to spectate in previous years will know that with around 650 crews racing over the two days finding a single meeting point that suits everybody is unfortunately too difficult. However do keep your eyes peeled for other NUBC supporters you might cross paths with.

Crew Number	Boat
WeHORR	
15	Newcastle (A)
26	Newcastle (B)
43	Newcastle (C)
HORR	
13	Newcastle (A)
15	Newcastle (B)
29	Newcastle (C)
61	Newcastle (E)
62	Newcastle (D)

About the Event:

Held on the iconic Oxford - Cambridge University Boat Race course (but in reverse) the Head races in London are the finale of the winter head racing season. Lasting just under 7km they are a long distance time trial event. This means crews race one by one along the river, setting off at roughly 10 second intervals, trying to complete the course in the fastest time possible with results being posted online soon after the final crew has crossed the finish line. Unlike other head races the break between divisions is only a few minutes as the marshals have decided that dividing the many crews into smaller sections helps organisation at the start line.

Results:

Results will be posted online as soon as they have been verified on these respective websites:

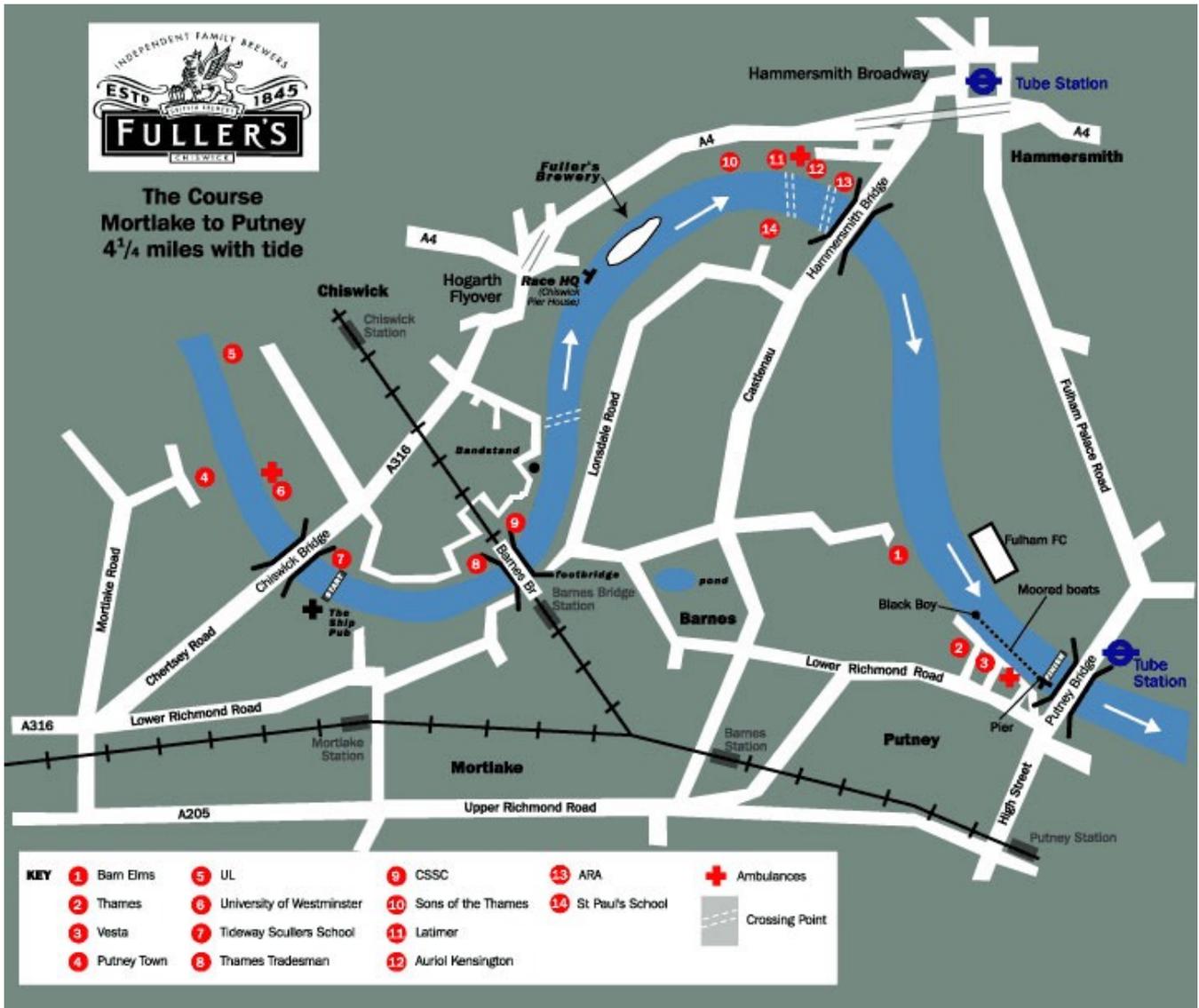
WeHORR - <http://wehorr.org>

HORR - <http://www.horr.co.uk>

The Twitter pages of both events are also very good for keeping informed of last minute changes

Getting there (Not by Car):

Many roads around Putney Embankment are closed to general traffic on the day of the race and road access to the river declines as you move further towards the start. The following post codes can be used to plan your journey by public transport to the more popular viewing spots. Please keep in mind that these post codes will often put you near the course, but may be a short walk away from the river.



The start in Mortlake: SW14 7QR

The middle in Hammersmith: W6 9TA

The finish in Putney: SW15 1LB

The official websites suggest using the Transport for London Journey Planner (<https://tfl.gov.uk/plan-a-journey/>) which can offer information on a variety of public transport options including buses. Additional information on rail services in the area can be found on the South West Trains website.

Getting there by Car (and Parking):

Unfortunately, unlike many of the other rowing events, there are no official parking areas for spectators so it is a bit of a free for all. Choosing a place to park depends largely on where you plan to spectate from (see below) to avoid long walks.

Spectating:

A public towpath runs most the length of the course on the south bank of the river so there is no shortage of good vantage points for cheering our crews to victory. Both squads will be boating from from the Thames Tradesmen Boat House (TTRC by Barnes Bridge) so this will be somewhat of a NUBC hub over the weekend. However if watching the crews take to the water is not a priority for you, there are still many other places to spectate from. Standing on **Hammersmith Bridge** itself gives an exciting view of crews as they pass under but will be very busy as it is the most popular spectating point (sometimes even 3 rows deep in places!). The **towpath between Putney and Hammersmith** on the south side gets you closest to the action (but is a fair walk from the nearest coffee stop and place to rest your feet). Other places to consider are the **south side of the river in Barnes** and the **north bank by Hammersmith Bridge** as many of the pubs along the river have balconies to watch the racing from.

Race Map:

BUOY DIAGRAM - not to scale

