

# Bristol Empire Dragons

National league event, Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2018 in Bristol's historic harbour!



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Bristol are hosting a National League event on Saturday 12th May 2018 at The Baltic Wharf, Bristol

There will be two race distances, the morning will be three lanes racing over 200m and the afternoon will see a 3.5km loop race with two turns.

Twenty crews are expected to enter this year's event so we plan to run two or possibly three 3.5km loop races. We will discuss this with All-aboard nearer the date

The Harbour Master has given us permission to hold the event and All-aboard will be providing the safety boats for the event and will also be marking the course with buoys. All-aboard also have the authority to control all harbour crafts so we should have unobstructed racing throughout the day. Because Bristol is a busy harbour we have been told that four safety boats must be on the water during all the races. We will arrange for a BDA official to speak to All Aboard to try and straighten the lanes for the 200m races. Last year's event received slight criticism as the lanes were not straight

## **Crew formats**

**Mixed crews** will be restricted to a maximum of 10 paddlers of either gender. You can however race with a 10/6 split

**Ladies crews** have increased from 12 to 14 paddlers, S14 and can be made up of paddlers from a maximum two clubs

**Junior crews** are also increasing to a maximum 14 paddlers and can be made up from paddlers from any number of clubs

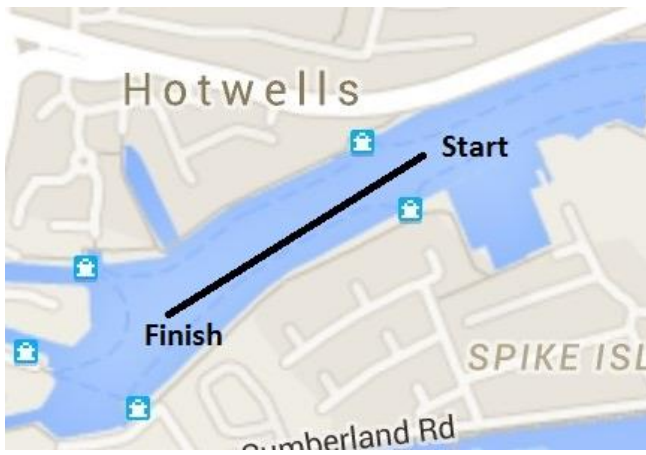
**The BDA are encouraging juniors to race and there is no entry fee for junior clubs**

## Race day schedule for 200m and 3.5km races

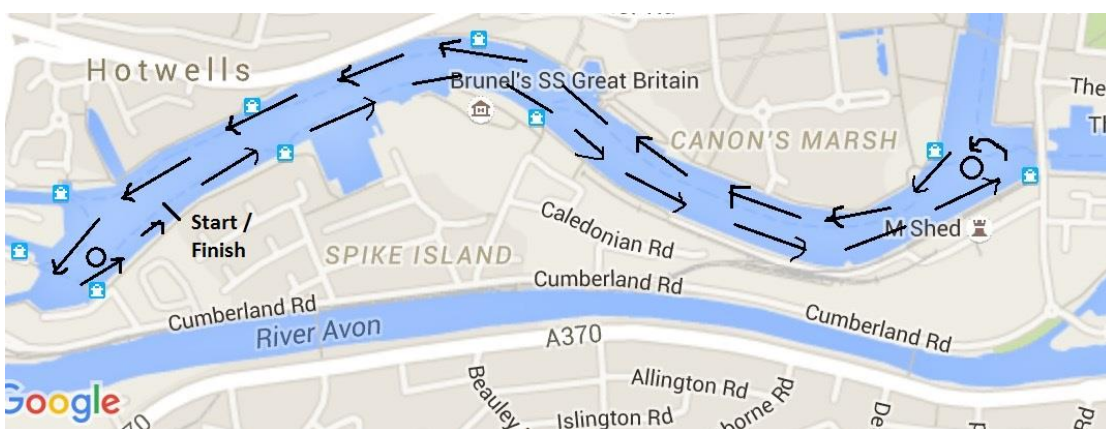
Open, mixed, S14 Ladies and S14 Junior crews will race 200m starting at 10am, the course is shown below. It will be the usual format with crews being seeded by the BDA

After lunch crews will race over a 3.5km course with two left turns around large buoys, this race will be staggered starts and seeded according to times recorded in the mornings 200m races. There will be three heats, Major Cup Final, Bowl and plate

### 200m course



### 3.5km course

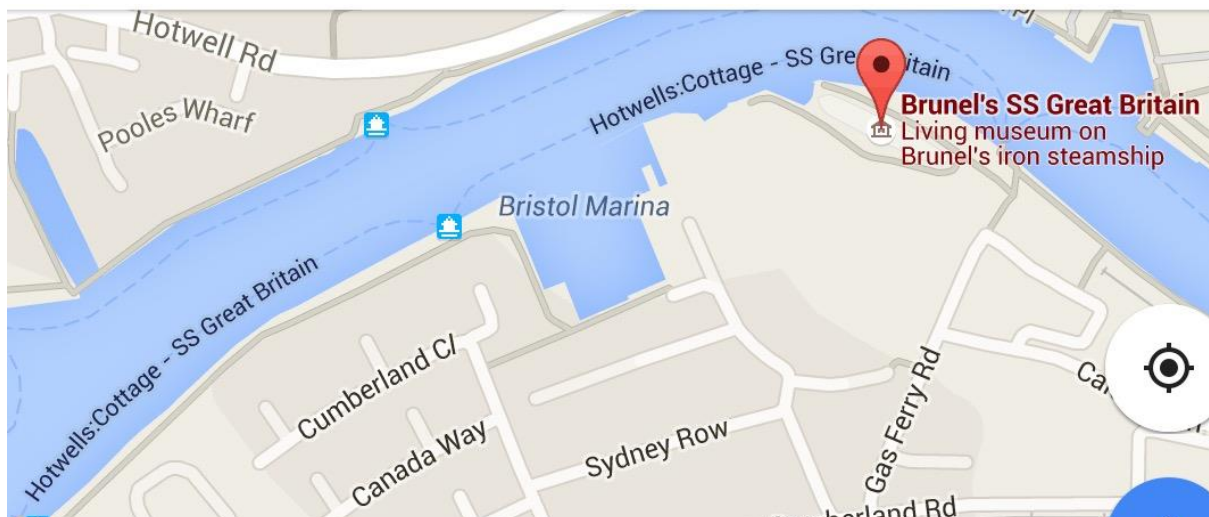


## Car Parking

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Great Western Dockyard  
Gas Ferry Road  
Bristol  
BS1 6TY

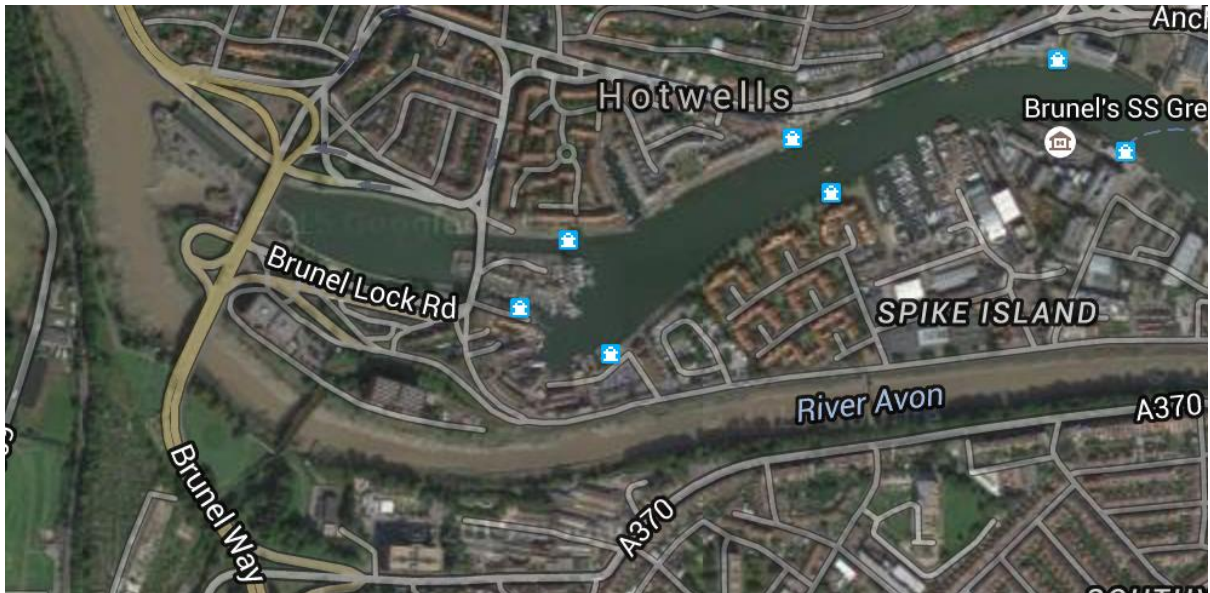
This car park is a pay and display and will cost £5 to park all day. It is a 5 minute walk from the race venue. Although it states that there is a maximum stay of 5 hours we have been assured that no tickets will be issued as long as the £5 parking fee has been paid for and displayed in your cars

Please note that several parking tickets were issued last year as some cars had parked outside of the white lines and some in the coach bays. **You have been warned**



## Trailer parking

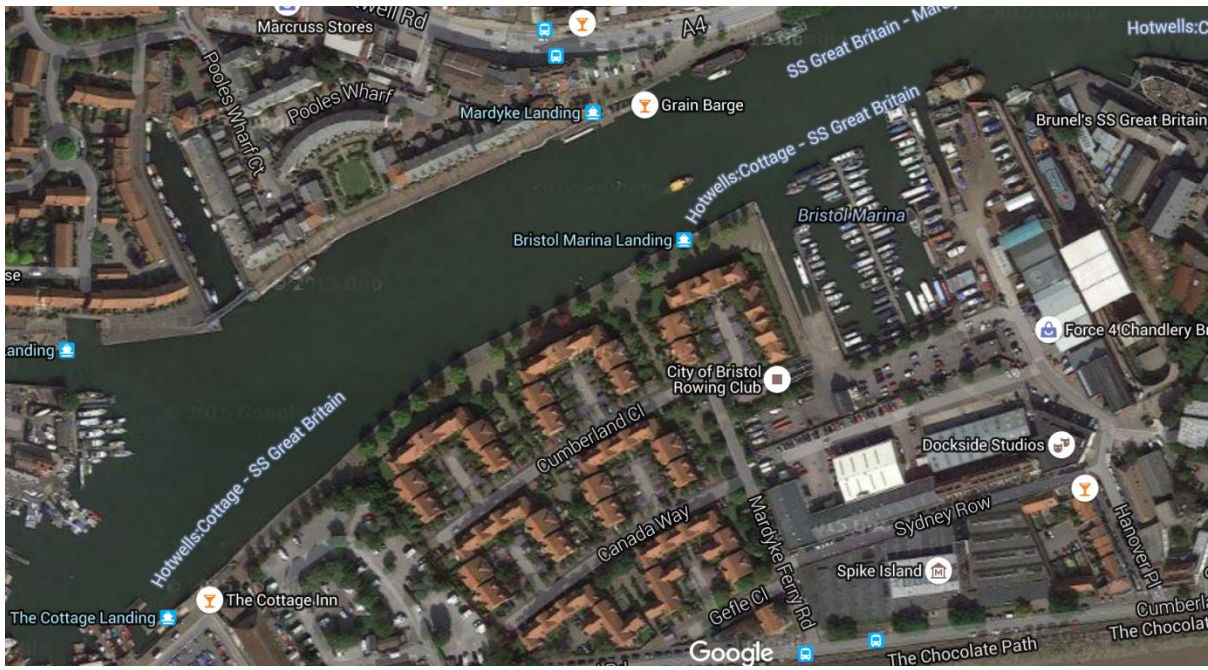
The Council have given us permission to park on McAdam Way and Brunel Lock Road. However we also have permission to use the coach parking lane on Cumberland Road



## Slipways for launching and loading the boats

All boats will need to use the slipway Bristol Marina Landing. Marshals will direct the boats on arrival to keep congestion to a minimum. We would request that all crews help each other unloading and loading the boats. There are plenty of mooring points along the harbour between the two slipways allowing crews to easily get in and out of their boats.

The slipway near the finish, the Cottage Landing, also has two floating pontoons



## Area for event marquees

Marquees can be erected on the pathway just to the right of the pub. Please note that it is a concrete base so weights will be needed if it is windy. There are bollards and trees to help secure the marquees. The pathway is however open to the public so it must be kept safe at all times; also please remember to keep valuables in a safe place!

## Catering

Bristol Empire Dragons will have a catering tent selling Tea, coffee and soft drinks. We will also be selling sausage and bacon rolls, burgers and cakes all at reasonable prices

We plan to have hot drinks from 8.30am ready for the early arrivals

## The Cottage Inn

The Cottage Inn is very close to the finish line and the perfect spot for spectators. The food is also very good although a bit pricey.

## Bristol Harbour Master

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Cumberland Road  
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We have got access to changing rooms and showers. They are situated next to the Harbour Masters office block. **CODE 6834**

The changing rooms can accommodate up to 15 people at a time, there are four showers in the men's changing room and two in the ladies

## **All-aboard**

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All-aboard Water Sports  
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All-aboard are a charity organisation based in Bristol's historic harbour. They strive to make it possible for everyone in the community to join a range of water sports and water related activities. This includes people with physical, emotional or cognitive disabilities or infirmities, of all ages.

## **First aid cover**

Vicky Hollier  
St Johns Ambulance  
The Harry Cook Centre  
Raleigh Road  
Bedminster  
Bristol  
BS3 1AP

St Johns Ambulance is the nation's leading first aid charity. They are very experienced at providing first aid cover at all types of sporting event.



# **Bristol Royal Infirmary**

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Marlborough Street  
Bristol  
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The BRI is the closest Hospital to the race venue and has an Accident and Emergency department