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## Henley Women's Regatta set for record year

A record number of women will race at Henley Women's Regatta (HWR) in 2022, with over 2,000 athletes from eight countries taking to the course between Friday 17 and Sunday 19 June.

Entries for HWR closed at midnight on Tuesday 31 May. A total of 2,180 rowers in 521 crews are entered, exceeding the 2019 records of 1,780 athletes across 493 crews.

After overseas crews were unable to attend the regatta in 2021 due to pandemic travel restrictions, this year 48 crews from Australia, Canada, Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands, New Zealand and the USA will compete.

Entries are particularly strong in the larger boat classes, with entries across the championship, aspirational and junior eights events up 50 per cent compared to 2021. Entries in events for fours and quadruple sculls are up by 25 per cent, and entries for pairs and doubles up 20 per cent.

HWR chairman Naomi Riches MBE said: "The number of crews and athletes that have entered this year is incredible, and I am thrilled to be welcoming so many women to Henley in just over two weeks' time. The record numbers show the strength of women's rowing and I am sure HWR 2022 will be a regatta to remember."

The draw will be published on Tuesday 7 June, and racing begins with time trials on Friday 17 June. Most events will have a time trial to cut entries down to the maximum possible for side-by-side racing, or for seeding purposes.

Semi-finals and finals will be held on Sunday 19 June.

The regatta will also be livestreamed on YouTube to enable family and friends of those competing to keep track of racing from the comfort of their own homes: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/henleywregatta">https://www.youtube.com/henleywregatta</a>.

Henley Women's Regatta would like to thank sponsors and benefactors Blue Peak, Hudson, the Colgan Foundation, Youth Experience in Sport, Wentworth House, and Tim and Sarah Lohmann for their support.

• For more details on events, entry criteria and the regatta, visit <u>www.hwr.org.uk</u>.

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