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### **Another record year for Henley Women's Regatta**

Henley Women's Regatta (HWR) continues to grow in size and strength, with the number of crews entered surpassing all previous highs for a second year running.

Entries for HWR closed at midnight on Tuesday 30 May. For a second consecutive year there are over 500 crews due to race, well above the pre-Covid-19 high of 493 entries in 2019. Total entries are up from 518 in 2022 to 547, and around 2,150 athletes are set to race down the iconic course between Friday 16 and Sunday 18 June.

The number of crews in the championship category has risen from 64 to 81, while aspirational entries are up to 224 from 202 in 2022. Coxless fours entries are particularly strong this year, with a total of 14 championship, 40 aspirational club and 18 aspirational academic crews entered.

The Frank V Harry Cup for development coxed fours has again attracted the most entries, with 57 boats competing – the same as in 2022.

Overseas entries are also strong, with 33 crews representing 22 clubs from Australia, Ireland, Germany, the Netherlands, Spain and the USA making the trip to Henley.

HWR chairman Naomi Riches MBE said: "Now that the entries are closed for HWR 2023 it is really exciting to see such a record number of entries including 33 international crews.

"Henley Women's is going from strength to strength; each year it is the biggest achievement for some athletes, but for others it is a stepping stone on the way to Henley Royal Regatta. We are looking forward to welcoming all athletes, coaches and spectators, and to seeing some fast and close racing."

The draw will be published on Tuesday 6 June, and racing begins with time trials on Friday 16 June. All events will have a time trial to cut entries down to the maximum possible for side-by-side racing.

Semi-finals and finals will be held on Sunday 18 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:

<https://www.youtube.com/henleywregatta>.

Henley Women's Regatta would like to thank sponsors and benefactors Blue Peak, Oarsport, Samsung and Tim and Sarah Lohmann for their support.

- For more details on events, entry criteria and the regatta, visit [www.hwr.org.uk](http://www.hwr.org.uk).

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