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Naomi Riches to step down as Chairman of Henley Women's Regatta

Henley Women's Regatta (HWR) has announced that Chairman Naomi Riches MBE is stepping back from her role after two years leading the event, in order to focus on growing her business.

London 2012 Paralympic Games gold medallist Riches will remain very much involved in the continued development of HWR.

"It has been a privilege to be Chair of Henley Women's Regatta for the last two years and to be part of such a passionate and dedicated team of volunteers. I am sad to be stepping down from this role, but at this moment in time my business needs all of my attention. My hope is to stay involved in some way, and I am passionate about the regatta and what it represents," Riches said.

She steps back after a second year of record entries for HWR, which continues to go from strength to strength. Over 2,100 athletes raced between 16 and 18 June, with the event receiving incredibly positive feedback from competitors, spectators and volunteers.

HWR would like to thank all those involved in making the regatta such a success, particularly the team of volunteers and sponsors.

The rest of the Executive Committee will continue in their roles. They are looking forward to HWR 2024, and welcoming a new Chairman and Deputy Chairman to an expanded team in the near future.

Expressions of interest to become involved with the regatta should be sent to secretary@hwr.org.uk.

Former HWR Chairman Diane Graham has agreed to take over as interim Chairman until a permanent successor to Riches is appointed.

- For more information about Henley Women's Regatta, visit www.hwr.org.uk.

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