

COMING EVENTS

March

- 10th** Bedford Head of the Ouse
Kingston Head of the River University of
Wales Regatta Forster Fairbairn Trial
Pairs—Cambridge **13th, 14th, 15th, 16th**
Bushe-Fox Freshman's Sculls and
Fairbairn Junior Sculls—
Cambridge
- 15th** Schools Head of the River-
Hammersmith to Putney
- 17th** Clyde Head of the River-
Glasgow
Reading University
Head of the River
- 24th** North of England
Head of the River—Chester Scottish
A.R.A. Annual Meeting— Glasgow
- 31st** THE HEAD OF THE RIVER
RACE—Mortlake to Putney Medway Head
of the River DON'T FORGET—British
Summer Time begins on March 25th.

April

- 7th** OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE
BOAT RACE
- 14th** Abingdon Head of the River
Greenwich Head of the River
SCULLERS HEAD OF THE
RIVER—Tideway St. Neots
Head of the River Shrewsbury
Head of the River Clyde Regatta
Schools Race— Glasgow
Women's A.R.A. Eights Head of the
River—Barnes to Hammersmith
- 21st** Boston Scullers Race
Glasgow University Regatta
Schools Race
Midlands Head of the River
Avon Head of the River—
Evesham
Head of the Weaver—Northwich
Mortlake Maiden Regatta
Edinburgh University Regatta
Weybridge L.A.R.C. Eights

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Regatta Timetables

I have been interested to read the leading article in the November issue on "Regatta Problems". I think the estimate of the maximum number of races which can be organised during a day is somewhat pessimistic and would suggest that the limitation is due to the use of launches for umpires.

A system of umpiring from the bank, as is adopted at Bedford Regatta, does allow very much more frequent races and also allows completion of the regatta in a reasonable time, provided there is no lunch or tea interval.

We have found from experience at Bedford that there is no great difficulty in arranging a programme which allows 18 races to be rowed every hour. At the last Bedford Regatta we had 152 entries, we commenced racing at 9.30 a.m., we allowed a 20 minute interval between the completion of the semi-finals and the rowing of the finals, and the last race was, as usual, rowed promptly at 7.30 p.m.

The only restriction we make on entries is that no competitor may row in a senior crew event and a clinker sculling event, and no competitor may row in two clinker events.

We do find that provided senior oarsmen are prepared to race at intervals of not less than one hour, they can quite well be accommodated in two senior events.

We feel very strongly that a regatta must be confined to a one-day event and will be prepared to start earlier and finish later should it be necessary, and would not wish to restrict entries further.

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Autumn Double

On page 11 of the January issue of *Rowing* appears a note that Emanuel School are believed to be the first ever winners of both the lightweight and heavyweight Autumn Clinker Eights.

In fact, St. Paul's B.C. was the first to achieve this double, in 1932. Incidentally, the boat in which they did so is still in service.

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