

# BEDFORD AMATEUR REGATTA

## TRAILER AND CAR PARKING ARRANGEMENTS 2025





## **Please read this carefully – even if you have been to Bedford events before!**

The Regatta uses Council-owned land for parking of trailers and towing vehicles on Longholme Island. As you can appreciate, without this facility it would be virtually impossible to run the event. We have undertaken to drastically reduce the number of non-essential (i.e. non-towing) vehicles accessing the Longholme area via the little white bridge.

**ALL VEHICLES** are advised to avoid Bedford's notorious Saturday traffic by accessing the area via the **A421 Bedford by-pass** and take the **A603** turn into town. Take the Cardington Road into town, past the Barns Hotel, the pyramid-shaped swimming pool and Tesco, **filter into the right hand lane** after the Tesco roundabout for the A5140 signposted towards Cambridge.

At the roundabout, **all cars** should take the **third exit for the riverside car park**, just before the A5140 exit. Ample parking is available on the fairground site, bear to the right over the flood defence hump as you enter. Please ensure that you do not exceed 5 mph in the car park and that you park sensibly to allow us to maximize the space available. **ALL CARS** should be removed from the car park by **20.30** at the latest.

**All towing vehicles** should take the fourth exit, the A5140 Longholme Way, cross the river, take the first left into the embankment then immediately left again over the white bridge onto Longholme Island. Please use your hazard warning lights when proceeding along the river and do not exceed 5 mph. Trailers and boats should not be left to overhang the public thoroughfare. Inspections will be made during the day to ensure that all clubs adhere to this requirement.

**No vehicles are allowed to park on the grass between the Embankment and the river.** Boats can be left on trestles here, but if you want to get trailers here then arrive early as it will get busy early on.

**We do not recommend that you leave trailers anywhere near the riverside on Friday night, though appreciate that in cases this is the only way you can manage logistics. We take no responsibility for losses or damage occurring due the locals having a bit of fun with your equipment.** Clubs must wheel clamp their trailer to prevent the locals shoving it into the river!

**PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE** look after our river environment; the Council **WILL** be inspecting the site before, during and after the day and we may never be allowed to use the site again if damage is caused. The Council have stated that they will use the civil powers in their possession to take action against vehicles parked on the grass verge of the Embankment or any vehicle/person causing damage to the site. They can do this – it's their land and they have plenty of Parking Attendants and Parks Marshals at their disposal. ***Please be warned!!!***



## Travelling To And Parking at Bedford Amateur Regatta

Whichever way you approach Bedford, from the M1 J13 or A1 Black Cat roundabout, we suggest you take the A421 Bedford bypass until you reach the A603 junction at the south-east of the town, then head towards Bedford. Please see overleaf for more detailed directions



**Trailers/towing vehicles:** Please access here, park trailers closely together, as many clubs are attending. Please take care not to damage grassed areas!

**SPEED LIMIT: 5mph**

Use hazard lights & headlights whilst moving – this is a Council safety requirement.

**Non-trailers/towing vehicles:**

**Please park here!** Access car park from the river side of the roundabout, footbridge takes you directly to the Regatta Enclosure.

**NOTE: THE CAR PARK WILL CLOSE AT 20.30.**

A603, from A421 Bedford bypass