

## [2,400 oarsmen and women to participate including internationals](#)

The 53rd "Fuller's Head of the River Fours", sponsored by Fullers, will take place on the 4¼ mile 'Championship Course' from Mortlake to Putney on Saturday 3rd November.

The course is the reverse of the world famous Oxford-Cambridge Boat Race Course. It is a processional race where all crews are timed over the course.

With 2400 people from 166 clubs competing in 540 crews, the 53rd Fuller's Head of the River Fours is one of the largest one day rowing races in the world.

As well as being the first chance for the Cambridge and Oxford (who race as Isis) 2008 boat race squads to flex their muscles against each other in public, the Fuller's HOR4s is one of the few races where GB international rowers are able to compete for their home clubs.

There are 20 different events being raced on the day, with everything from women's junior quadruple sculls to men's elite coxless fours. This variety ensures that as well as attracting many international level rowers, the race also caters for hundreds of school, university and club level rowers from across the UK and Europe, with competitors travelling from as far as New Zealand and Sweden to take part.

The action will last a couple of hours; spectating along the whole course is free and there are plenty of good vantage points from which to watch. Stalls selling refreshments and rowing related goods will be available from outside many of the local Tideway clubs, especially on Putney embankment and near Hammersmith Bridge .

Spectators on the day will have plenty of quality crews to watch, as most members of the 2007 GB senior, Under 23 and junior international squads will be taking part.

The current course record holders are back to defend their 2006 win in men's Elite quadruple sculls. The crew from Tideway Scullers contains New Zealand World Champion, Mahé Drysdale, GB sculler Alan Campbell and Slovenian International Iztok Cop. Competing against them will be James Lindsay-Fynn, Paul Mattick and James Clarke, three of the current World Champions in lightweight fours. Lindsay-Fynn and Clarke race for London RC while Mattick races in a Wallingford crew.

The GB women's quad who won gold at the World championships will also be battling against each other for the chance to win women's Elite Quads: Annie Vernon and Kath Grainger race in a Marlow/Thames composite while Debbie Flood competes for Leander and Frances Houghton for the University of London

Finally, all four oarsmen from the GB Coxless Four can also be seen racing on Saturday. Pete Reed, Steve Williams and Alex Partridge race together as Leander in Elite Coxed Fours while Andy Triggs-Hodge strokes a Molesey crew in the same event.

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CLUB	LOCATION	NUMBER OF CREWS
LADY ELENOR HOLLES SCHOOL	Hampton	3
MOLESEY BOAT CLUB	Molesey	14
KINGSTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL	Kingston	1
KINGSTON ROWING CLUB	Kingston	13
TIFFIN SCHOOL	Kingston	2
WALBROOK	Teddington	2
TWICKENHAM ROWING CLUB	Twickenham	6
PUTNEY TOWN	Kew	8
BARNES BRIDGE LADIES	Chiswick	3
CYGNET ROWING CLUB	Chiswick	4
IMPERIAL COLLEGE MEDIC BOAT CLUB	Chiswick	1
MORTLAKE ANGLIAN & ALPHA BOAT CLUB	Chiswick	8
QUINTIN BOAT CLUB	Chiswick	2
THAMES TRADESMEN ROWING CLUB	Chiswick	4
TIDEWAY SCULLERS SCHOOL	Chiswick	11
UNIV OF LONDON BOAT CLUB	Chiswick	5
UNIV OF LONDON WOMEN'S BOAT CLUB	Chiswick	4
ST PAULS SCHOOL BOAT CLUB	Barnes	4
AURIOL KENSINGTON ROWING CLUB	Hammersmith	5
FURNIVALL SCULLING CLUB	Hammersmith	5
LATYMER UPPER	Hammersmith	5
SONS OF THAMES	Hammersmith	4
CRABTREE	Putney	1
ELIZABETHAN BC	Putney	1
HSBC RC	Putney	1
IMPERIAL COLL BC	Putney	9
KINGS COLL LONDON BC	Putney	1
KINGS COLL SCH	Putney	2
LONDON RC	Putney	15
PARR S PRIORY RC	Putney	3
THAMES RC	Putney	20
VESTA	Putney	8
WESTMINSTER SCH	Putney	4
LEA RC	Lea Valley	6
CURLEW	Greenwich	3
GLOBE	Greenwich	1
POPLAR BLACKWALL	Greenwich	1
ROYAL DOCKS	Newham	2