

Entries Open for London's River Marathon on 1st April 2024

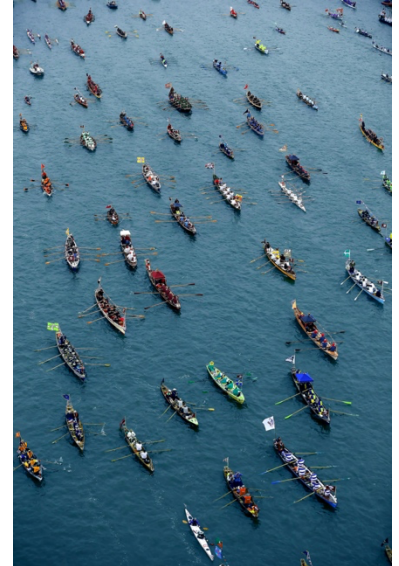
The Great River Race 2024 will take place on Saturday 21st September

Entries open on 1st April for the 2024 Great River Race.

On 21st September, over 200 crews and 1500 people will once again take part this 21.6 mile marathon from East London to Richmond.

Competitors will return from all over the world to take part in this unique event, from young novice scouts to hardened coastal rowing veterans determined to beat their previous records.

Many crews enter in fancy dress to have fun and to enjoy making money for their charities, cheered on by the spectators who watch from London's famous bridges and landmarks. Last year over 30 charities were supported by crews taking part.



The Great River Race is open to any traditional style boat powered by a minimum of 4 oars or paddles, and carrying a cox and a passenger to emulate the craft of London's Watermen, the water taxis who carried passengers across the Thames when London bridge was the only alternative.



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For further information, visit www.greatriverrace.org.uk

You can get a flavour of the event by looking at videos of previous events on

<https://youtu.be/3WOk12c4C80>

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Editor's Notes:

The Great River Race is an event for traditional and traditional-style boats, powered by a minimum of four oars or paddles; sliding seats and riggers are now allowed. Each boat must be coxed and, in keeping with the Watermen's role as the taxi drivers of the Thames, must carry a passenger. The fastest boat overall wins the Challenge Trophy of the Company of Watermen and Lightermen of the River Thames.

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