



## RGS Rowing: Marlow Town Race Report June 26th 2021

What an amazing day on Saturday at **Marlow Town Regatta** The weather was perfect (if a bit hot), the COVID safe arrangements were spot on and the boys did themselves proud.

For all the boys it was their first race so a huge amount to take on board. Their attitude was excellent, they were smart and well behaved, a real credit.

First up the **J15s**. Even getting here was not without challenges, thanks so much to Gareth and John for stepping up at short notice to compete. The event format is a side-by-side race.

The **A** boat (left hand top photo) was up against a very competent Henley RC boat, who won the heat (bottom left photo). The race for second place against Borlase was tight and I still don't know who was second or third as its not published by Marlow. The boys know how well they did.

The **B** boat (top right photo) was up against Pangbourne College and Wallingford RC (bottom right photo). Wallingford RC eventually won the event.

The boys in both boats gave their all and learnt a huge amount about racing.



The J14s entered three boats. **Boat 135** of Matthew, Jonty, Henry, Brian coxed by Stephen raced first but their competition Wallingford RC and Falcon RC (based Oxford) both had equipment failure and were straight into the final. In the final, the Borlase competition were stronger, but the boys rowed well all the way to the line. There were two J14 quads, so this boat didn't come up against the next two boats.



**Boat 141** of Sam T, Sam H, Leo, Oli coxed by Thehan boated soon after 135 and like the J15s had Henley and Borlase opposition. And again Henley won. The results on line stopped with this event so we've no idea who won overall.



Last but not least **boat 144** of Lewis, Edan, Dominic, Beni coxed by Joe boated last. They came up against Marlow RC, of course very familiar with this stretch who won this heat, and Wallingford RC. The race against Wallingford was neck and neck. A very exciting race.





Massive thanks to our coaches **Bruce** and **Orlando** who made sure the boys were fully briefed about the race and then debriefed them afterwards.

Also they made sure the boats were properly rigged and when the boys boated everything was OK before they pushed off.