

Woodbridge Regatta & Riverside Fair is 180 years old this year and, as in earlier times, it takes place all along the river from The Tide Mill to the Deben Yacht Club. This year's event is on Sunday 17th June, Father's Day, so where better to bring the whole family for a lovely day out.

The Regatta throws open its doors at 12 noon with Songs of Praise led by Churches Together on the Tea Hut stage followed by the formal opening at 12:30 pm by the Town Mayor. The traditional conclusion of the Regatta is a Duck Dive at 5:15 pm in the Model Yacht Pond organised by Woodbridge & District Lions Club.

There is something for everyone to enjoy beside the River Deben: watching yacht, dinghy and tender races as well as the single oar sculling race in memory of Frank and Christine Knights. The raft race organised by 1st Woodbridge Scout Group will have eight teams vying for the prize of inscribed paddle and for bragging rights over other youth groups.

The Tide Mill will be offering FREE admission and people can take advantage of FREE boat trips up and down the river throughout the day organised by Woodbridge Boatyard. As well as lots of places to eat and drink families can head to the Bandstand for crafts, games and other activities as well as registration for the crabbing competition held later in the afternoon. People can bring their model yachts to sail on the Model Yacht Pond or even hire one on the day from the Tea Hut. Live music as well as Morris Dancing will fill the air at various locations along the riverside including The Tea Hut, The Cruising Club and by The Tide Mill.

In the run-up to the Regatta there will be a Spot the Duck Competition in shops in and around The Thoroughfare, this year with a World Cup theme. Details and Entry Forms will be available from Woodbridge Library from the Spring Bank Holiday. Shops in Woodbridge will also be dressing their windows for a competition organised by Gobbet and Kirby.

Although it's completely free to enjoy the Regatta we will be supporting the Jetty Lane project through a street collection. Please give generously if you are able to.



Geoff Holdcroft, chairman of the Regatta Committee, says: "The programme for this year has been developed to ensure it has all of the usual action with a few changes to celebrate our 180<sup>th</sup> year. The success and longevity of Woodbridge Regatta is a testament to so many community groups working together. I want to thank everyone involved for helping us to put on what we hope will be another fabulous event."

This year's Regatta is being proudly sponsored by Gotelee Solicitors. Their CEO, Charles Rowett said "We pride ourselves on being here for the local community so what better than sponsoring such a fantastic event that is at the heart of it."



All the latest information can be found online at [www.woodbridgeregatta.com](http://www.woodbridgeregatta.com) & [www.facebook.com/WoodbridgeRegatta](https://www.facebook.com/WoodbridgeRegatta)

**Songs of Praise** with Churches Together  
12 noon on The Tea Hut Stage

**Grand Opening**  
12:30 pm on The Tea Hut Stage  
Cllr David Mortimer, Town Mayor

**Children's Riverside Activity Centre**  
12 noon to 4 pm at the Bandstand  
Crafts, Games and other Activities

**Raft Building**  
1:30 to 3 pm  
On the Model Yacht Pond Field.

**Music on The Tea Hut Stage**  
All afternoon from 1 pm  
David Freeland, Ben Horner and friends.

**Music at the Woodbridge Cruising Club**  
12:30 to 2 pm and 2:30 to 3:30 pm  
Featuring The Casuals

**Dinghy and Yacht Races**  
1:30 pm Handicap Race  
1:45 pm Junior Race  
2:00 pm Yacht Race  
All from Deben Yacht Club.

**Raft Race**  
3:15 pm Heat 1  
3:30 pm Heat 2  
3:45 pm Final  
from Deben Yacht Club to Woodbridge Cruising Club.

**Boat Trips on River Deben**  
2 to 5 pm from Bandstand Steps  
Boats kindly supplied by Woodbridge Boatyard  
Donations to RNLI always welcome

**The Felix Stowaways**  
Various times between 2 and 4 pm  
The Ultimate Buoy Band  
Whisstocks Place

**Pretty Grim**  
Various times between 2 and 4pm  
Border Morris Dancing  
Whisstocks Place

**Children's Crabbing Competition**  
3 pm from the River Wall  
Registration at Bandstand until 2:45 pm

**Single Oar Sculling Race**  
4:45 pm  
For the Frank & Christine Knights Sculling Cup

**Lion's Duck Dive**  
5:15 pm at Model Yacht Pond

## All afternoon

**Refreshments**  
1st Woodbridge Scouts on Model Yacht Pond Field, 5th Woodbridge Scouts on Tide Mill Way. Deben Yacht Club. Deben Rowing Club. The Tea Hut. Woodbridge Cruising Club

**Woodbridge Art Club**  
Paintings, Ceramics & Lace.

**Woodbridge Tide Mill Living Museum**  
Free entrance but donations welcome

**Woodbridge Riverside Trust, Longshed, Whisstocks Place**  
Open Day and St Ayles Skiff Building

**Deben Rowing Club**  
Have a go on their rowing machines!

## High Tide 4 pm

## SAFETY FIRST

All Competitors Enter Events at Their Own Risk

Life Jackets MUST be worn for all River events. They will be provided for the Free Boat Trips. The Woodbridge Regatta Association accepts no liability for injury, loss or damage caused by taking part in the Regatta.

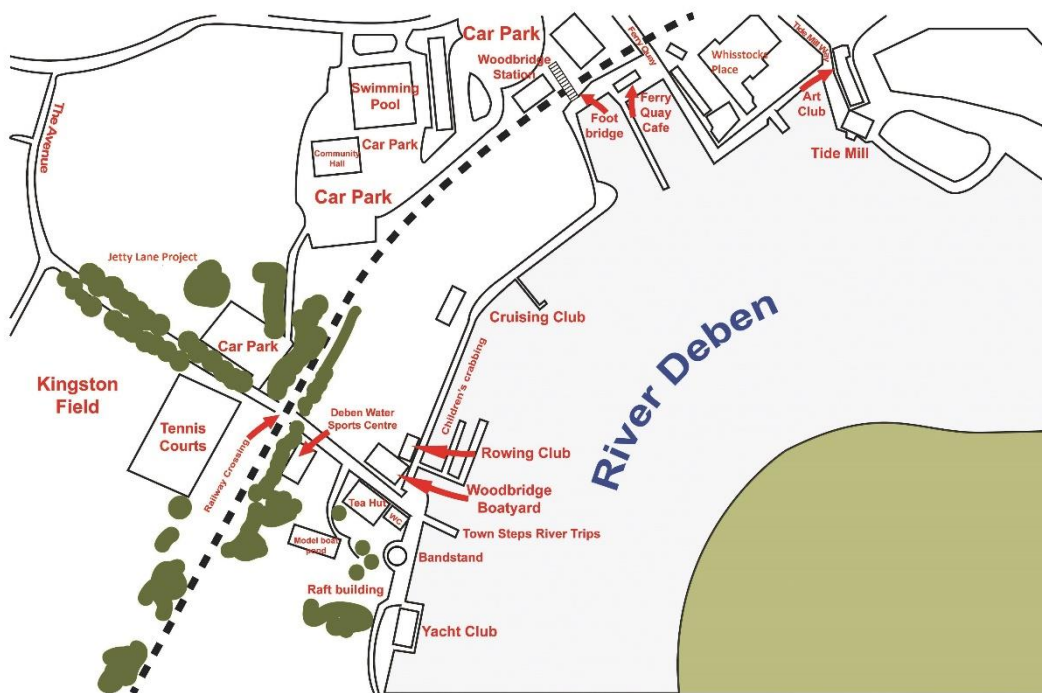
You must not enter areas that are restricted to the general public, in particular the ramps and pontoons from which the river craft are launched. All river craft must be covered by adequate third-party insurance. It is the responsibility of competitors to ensure that this insurance is effective.

First Aid is being provided by the Suffolk Medical Services based on the Model Yacht Pond Field. The Lost Children Centre is at The Bandstand.

## SAFETY LAST

The Woodbridge Regatta is organised by the [Woodbridge Regatta Association](#) and it has been sponsored this year by [Gotelee Solicitors](#).

It is supported by the following organisations. Woodbridge Town Council, Suffolk Coastal District Council, Deben Yacht Club, Woodbridge Cruising Club, Deben Rowing Club, Woodbridge Boatyard, Deben Canoe Club, Deben Water Sports Centre, Choose Woodbridge, Woodbridge & District Lions, Town Pastors, 1st and 5th Woodbridge Scout Groups, Woodbridge Tide Mill Trust, Woodbridge Kitchen Company, Gobbit & Kirby, Woodbridge Quay Company, RNLI, Network Rail, Churches Together and The Tea Hut



**THE 180<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL**

# WOODBRIDGE Regatta

*& Riverside Fair*

**SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**  
ON THE RIVER WALL FROM 12 NOON

**BOAT YACHT DINGHY RIDES & RAFT RACES**  
**STALLS MUSIC & KIDS REFRESHMENTS ACTIVITIES**

*Fantastic*  
**FUN-FILLED RIPARIAN AFTERNOON**  
**FREE FOR ALL THE FAMILY**

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