

More than 500 crews took to the icy cold waters of Dorney Lake to race



OLYMPIC COURSE: Dorney Lake. Ref:112472-5

Rowers complete Olympic course

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ROWERS of all ages took to the water as they competed against the clock over the Olympic course at Dorney Lake.

More than 500 crews including singles, doubles, fours and eights went head to head over the 2,000m course in the Thames Valley Trial Head Regatta at Eton College Rowing Centre on Sunday.

Crews from Windsor Boys' School, St William Borlase's Grammar School, Eton Excelsior, Langley Academy Marlow Rowing Club and Maidenhead Rowing Club, were among those taking part.

They competed in three divisions in 107 races, all post-

ing three times on the course with the average recorded giving their overall time.

Rowers taking part on a cold winter's morning ranged

from 13-year-olds up to the veterans category of over 40.

The event was organised by Marlow Regatta committee.

Hannah Ferriter, press officer for the Marlow Regatta and Thames Valley Trial Head, said interest in rowing has soared ahead of the Olympics.

She said: "We had to call entries early as we had 548 crews entering, which is amazing on a cold January morning."

Among the winners were two-man team, Joel, from Windsor Boys' School who won race 32 with an average of 6 minutes 56 seconds.

In race 60, Marlow RC team Wilson beat team Dobson from Maidenhead Rowing Club with a time of 7 minutes 43 seconds.



ONE, TWO: A Windsor Boys' School competitor gets into a rhythm. Ref:112472-25



WATER GLIDERS: A crew from Langley Academy. Ref:112472-35



GIRL POWER: A team from Langley Academy. Ref:112472-49



IN THE ZONE: Eton Excelsior putting on the style against the clock at Dorney Lake. Ref:112472-27