

## **Queens Cup Balloon Race in Bristol**

Good afternoon Competitors, Observers and Committee,

Welcome to the first issue of Queens Cup Balloon Race in Bristol information notes.

We are looking forward to a fun competition and have worked hard to make the rules as inclusive as possible and are very glad to see balloonists from many different disciplines...

The information that follows is merely a news update and for a full copy of the rules you should refer to the published rules <http://www.bbac.org/qc2013/rules> or email Hannah Cameron

[hcameron@cameronballoons.co.uk](mailto:hcameron@cameronballoons.co.uk) for an email version.

Sponsorship has been very hard to obtain for this small, non-public event and so we are very grateful to the city of Bristol as we have had good support from them, not only have they granted us permission to use a central city launch site but they have also assisted with some sponsorship funds which enables us to return the entry fees and provide some 'frills'.

It is my pleasure on behalf of the committee to wish you all good luck with your preparations and of course for the wonderful flights ahead of you. However, if, of course, you have any questions in the meantime, please do contact Don Cameron [dcameron@cameronballoons.co.uk](mailto:dcameron@cameronballoons.co.uk) or Hannah Cameron [hcameron@cameronballoons.co.uk](mailto:hcameron@cameronballoons.co.uk) and we will assist you.

Thank you

Yours Sincerely,

Hannah Cameron

## **Briefing Notes - Issue 1 – 16<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

### **Queens Cup Balloon Race in Bristol Committee**

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Thanks also to The British Balloon & Airship Club, The BBAC Comps Club and the BBAC Long Jumpers for their support for this special event.

### **Pre-event Information by email**

From Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September, we will be studying the weather in conjunction with our meteorologist, Martin Harris. A decision will be reached as early as possible whether to confirm the weekend of 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> October or to roll over to the 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>, but this will depend on the development of the weather situation. You will receive a series of emails to keep you informed of progress in reaching the decision.

(Please therefore ensure Hannah Cameron has your correct email

[hcameron@cameronballoons.co.uk](mailto:hcameron@cameronballoons.co.uk) for that period of time)

**The Queens Cup Balloon Race in Bristol 'Monster' Briefing will be on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September** at Don Cameron's House, 3 The Knoll, Portishead, Bristol BS20 7NU at 18:30hrs.

### Monster Briefing Agenda 18:30hrs

Welcome – Don Cameron

Met information by Martin Harris

Air traffic information

Launch site confirmation

Briefing at launch site time confirmation

Take off time information and permitted competition times

Rules

Flag communication

The Loyal Toast

After the Monster Briefing an informal hog roast with 4 tickets for each team (1 of which is for your observer please)

If you need further tickets please bring an extra £8.00 per head and email

[maggiecameron2003@hotmail.com](mailto:maggiecameron2003@hotmail.com) to inform Maggie of any increased numbers before 1st October 2013.

**We have 13 competitors** to date. Listed here <http://www.bbac.org/qc2013/competitors>

(I am awaiting photos from the last one and then they will be added as a complete entry)

### **The launch site will be Queens Square, Bristol, BS1 4QS**

Note only one vehicle per team will be permitted onto Queens Square and then ONLY on the gravel paths through entrance 'access point 1' Map to follow.

All vehicles should please drive very slowly when moving around the launch square as there will be lots of balloonists and maybe a few onlookers and press walking about...

### **Launch sequence**

A random sequence of balloon launch may be necessary depending on the conditions – this is to be decided by the Competition Director and any pilot not taking off in the arranged sequence will be penalised.

### **Other balloons and filming**

One or two other balloons will be used as camera platforms during the competition – these will be under strict instruction of the Competition Director.

We will be opening up Queens Square to booked in 'Fiesta Flyers' who will be able to take off from the square (in waves if necessary) after all the competitors have had an opportunity to do so, weather permitting of course...

### **After the competition flight**

You are welcome to return to Bristol after the flight and we have an informal meal planned and a welcome-back drink and actually we would very much like you to do so...

However we appreciate this might involve driving many miles out of your way or indeed you might not be able to due to work commitments etc. the following week. So with that in mind we ask that you let us know whether you will be returning to Bristol post-flight at the Monster Briefing so we can inform you of the exact arrangements.

### **The Winner Presentation and Final Awards Ceremony**

The Presentation of the actual Queen's Cup, which will be on loan for the day from Hendon, for the Winner will take place at the British Balloon & Airship Club AGM – in March 2014

The winner will get to keep a memento (until the next Queens Cup Balloon Race) a Quaich (a traditional silver ceremonial drinking cup) which has kindly been donated back to the BBAC by David Bareford after he won it in the 1970s for a similar competition from Coombe Haye. We also hope that there will be a presentation medal for each participating pilot, which will be awarded to each pilot at the AGM BBAC – in March 2014 too.

Until the next briefing note,  
kind regards  
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