



2014 Report to Henley Town Council

The success of Regatta for the Disabled is gaining momentum year on year

Last year Regatta for the Disabled hosted some 600 visitors enjoying accessible activities of which 300 took to the water in a variety of craft.

Our aim is to provide accessible activities that people of mixed abilities can take part in together. Also we keep the entrance cost to a minimum and in fact do not charge carers. Which means we rely on the support of many generous sponsors to cover our overheads.

2014 marks the fifth year of this exciting and unique day out for disabled children and their families, promising a huge variety of land based and river based events.

The river events in particular, provide access to the river and boats not normally available to people with a disability.

With interesting and exciting trade stands, and activities such as Punch and Judy, a climbing wall that will take wheel chairs, a farm yard, catering and of course, trips on the river Thames onboard Rivertime, which has been specially adapted for disabled passengers. R4D offers everything for a great day out.

Not only is this event open to disabled people; it is a great opportunity for family and friends to join in the fun too!!

R4D is supported by local businesses, and the highlight of the day is the dragon boat racing in which everyone can participate. With teams already registering, this is a fun filled competition with some teams entering in fancy dress. The day ends with prize giving by The Mayor of Henley.

Boatability will make its debut at Regatta for the Disabled this year. They will provide two boats

Those with a disability will be able to enjoy time on the Bell boat and gently paddle the boat under the supervision of a qualified helmsman. The Wheelyboat enables those in wheelchairs to board the boat and steer from a central driving console whilst remaining in their chairs. www.rivertimeboattrust.org.uk/boatability

R4D is an exceptional event, and one that caters for people with a wide cross section of disabilities.

www.regattaforthedisabled.org