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Date for The Gemini Boat Race 2024 Confirmed.

LONDON,

The Boat Race Company Limited, BRCL, are delighted to announce the date for the 2024 edition of The Gemini Boat Race, as Saturday 30th March 2024. The race will be live on BBC One, streamed online and broadcast worldwide, and show the 78th Women's Race and 169th Men's Race.

This announcement comes hot on the heels of last month's Gemini Boat Race which saw many thousands of spectators line the Thames to watch Light and Dark blue crews battle it out for their place in the history books.

The Gemini Boat Race is one of the most prestigious events in the UK sporting calendar, with Light and Dark Blue crews Oxford and Cambridge Universities competing in a 4.2-mile side-by-side race along The Championship Course. This year's races were a nail-biting affair with Cambridge achieving a clean sweep across all four races (The 77th Women's Race, 168th Men's Race, 48th Women's Reserve Race and 58th Men's Reserve Race) for the third time in the event's history.

Chair of The Boat Race Company Limited (BRCL) Siobhan Cassidy said: "The Gemini Boat Race is a must-see event, and this year's races did not disappoint.

We are thrilled to announce the date for The Gemini Boat Race 2024.

The level of skill, determination, and sportsmanship displayed by all the crews was truly inspiring. We are also grateful for the support of our partners, who make The Boat Race possible.

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The Boat Race has no silver and bronze medals, it's a fierce side by side contest and every year, the dial resets. Just as the clubs have their eye on the 78th Women's Race, the 169th Men's Race, the 49th Osiris-Blondie Race and 59th Isis-Goldie Race, we are already planning on how we can make The Gemini Boat Race 2024 as unforgettable as this year's race.

The Gemini Boat Race is lucky to benefit from exceptional race coverage on BBC One, which ensures that fans across the UK can follow the action live. This year's event was watched by millions of viewers here in the UK and broadcast in over 200 countries worldwide. The race continues to go from strength to strength and we anticipate that next year will be even bigger and better.

Mark your calendars now for 30th March 2024, and get ready another chapter in sporting history!”

For more information

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Why is the Gemini Boat Race held on different date each year:

The date for The Boat Race is determined by a number of factors, including the tides, academic calendars of Oxford and Cambridge Universities, and other sporting events taking place in London.

As a result, the date of The Boat Race can vary from year to year. The Boat Race Company Limited and BBC carefully consider these factors to ensure that the event can take place safely and to provide the best possible experience for both the competitors and spectators. The race typically takes place in late March or early April, and the specific date is announced several months in advance.

The last time the race was held on 30th March was 2002, when Oxford achieved a clean sweep. Another notable incidence of a 30th March Race was in 1912, when both crews sank, necessitating a re-row the following week.