

DURHAM



REGATTA

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183rd Durham Regatta – Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th June 2016

Dear Competitors,

Thank you for your entry for Durham Regatta 2016. Details of the draw are enclosed.

Please Contact me immediately, preferably using e-mail, if there are any problems with your entries.

As you will see we have a very large entry on both days. As such it is imperative that crews are fully briefed and prepared to race at the time of their races. There is virtually no scope for retiming of races so crews should expect the rules of racing to be strictly applied.

Please read the following notes and ensure that your crew members are aware of them. They will make your weekend run smoothly, enjoyably and above all safely.

REGATTA CONTROL is located adjacent to the Start (see enclosed map).

PARKING Visiting clubs should follow the road signs to Durham Regatta. Note that parking near to Durham ARC has been scaled back this year to keep a path clear for emergency vehicles. All competitors should park in the official car park off Green Lane.

ROADWORKS Durham County Council are performing major roadworks at the Leazes Bowl Roundabout in the centre of Durham. As a consequence there are lane closures on the A690 for both eastbound and westbound traffic. Please allow extra time to get to the regatta.

BOAT TRAILERS Visiting clubs should use the Durham ARC landing and trailer park, access via Green Lane [see accompanying map] unless alternate arrangements have been agreed with the Entries Secretary beforehand.

Schools/Colleges who wish to park their crew minibus vehicles near the start **MUST** contact myself prior to race day to arrange this. Vehicle movement in this area is restricted and vehicles should not be moved during the day. All trailers should be parked in the designated trailer parking/trestling areas near Durham ARC.

ST CUTHBERT'S BOAT TRESTLING AREA is available to clubs only by prior arrangement with both St. Cuthbert's Society Boat Club and the Regatta Entries Secretary. Other clubs should use the boating facilities at Durham ARC.

INSPECTION OF BOATS Clubs are responsible for following British Rowing RowSafe best practices and for their own safety should comply with the guidance which relates to them. The Control Commission will perform spot checks on boats, any boats failing checks will not be allowed to race.

COXSWAINS Coxswains must be weighed on each day at Regatta Control. They will be given a sticker which must be visible to umpires and worn on their outer garment. Spot checks will be made to ensure compliance and crews may be requested to call at a landing stage to facilitate this check.

Report to the weigh station well before your 1st race. Coxswains should provide their own deadweight where necessary.

Appropriate Buoyancy Aids/Life Jackets MUST be worn. In “front-loader” boats coxswains must wear manually operated gas inflation life jackets.

LIGHTWEIGHT EVENTS Competitors in Lightweight events must weigh in at Regatta Control not less than one hour and not more than two hours before the scheduled start time of the first race of that day of the event in which they are entered. Specifically Open Championship Lightweight 1x must weigh in between 12:40 and 13:40 on Sunday. Women's Championship Lightweight 1x must weigh in between 15:43 and 16:43 on Sunday.

PARA-ATHLETES BOATING The ramp at the side of Durham ARC boathouse should be used to gain access to the landing stages as appropriate. All competitors should be mindful of the needs of adaptive/rowability athletes and be prepared to remove equipment from the landing stages to allow the athletes and their equipment to get to the landing stages.

Blue badge parking is available in the start area and should be accessed via the Enclosure Vehicle Access route.

SCRATCHINGS Please show consideration to your fellow competitors and inform Regatta Control of any scratchings as soon as is practical.

RACING LICENCES must be available for inspection at any time by the Control Commission.

WINNING COMPETITORS should report to Regatta Control as soon as possible after winning their final to have their Racing Licenses inspected, checked against Entry Forms and brought up to date.

CHANGE OF STATUS each day of the regatta is classed separately for status points purposes. Thus any crew gaining points on Saturday will race with those points on Sunday. In particular winners of Novice and IM3 events on Saturday are likely not to be eligible to race at the same status on Sunday. Contact Regatta Control ASAP after your win to discuss alternatives.

PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY is a formal occasion at the **Gala Theatre** on Sunday at 8pm. Durham Regatta requests that winning crews be smartly dressed.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL RULES are enclosed.

RACING ORDER Races are rowed in the order shown in the programme (this includes long course races). There is usually no scope for the re-timing of races. Please assist us by arriving at the start in good time for your race. You should report to the start marshals' platform by Durham ARC boathouse at least TEN minutes before the scheduled time of your race.

CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS Crews entering the Championship events are reminded that their event will begin with a time-trial over the course. The resulting draw for knockout events will be available at Regatta Control prior to the start of the knockout event. Please see the enclosed event operating notes for detailed guidance.

LONG COURSE & CHAMPIONSHIP RACES Crews entering long course and championship races will be issued with **two** coloured race numbers. One should be worn on the racing strip and the other on any outer garments. It is imperative that these are visible to Umpires and Marshals to ensure that these races start promptly.

BYES Byes will **NOT** be rowed for either long or short course races.

NUMBERS - one will be issued (but see note about long course/championships above), **to be worn on Bow/Sculler racing vest**. Numbers and competitors "enclosure" wristbands may be collected from Regatta Control from 07:00 on race day. Race numbers will **NOT** be issued until all monies owed have been paid.

ATTACHING TO STAKEBOATS clubs and coaches should ensure that their crews are competent in attaching to stakeboats. Crews may be disqualified if the Umpires consider that a crew is not competent in attaching within a reasonable timeframe.

PHOTOGRAPHY Durham Regatta takes place in a public location and crews should be aware that photographs may be taken by amateur and professional photographers or by members of the general public. Durham Regatta expects anyone taking photographs at the regatta to act within the Safeguarding and Photography policy of British Rowing. Please report any suspected breaches of this policy to the Welfare officer via regatta control.

DRONES The use of drones is **NOT** permitted at Durham Regatta. You are reminded that there are strict government rules regarding flying drones in built up areas and close to large outdoor gatherings such as Durham Regatta.

CAMPING Crews wishing to camp beside Durham ARC boathouse must obtain prior permission from Durham ARC by emailing enquiries@durham-arc.org.uk prior to the event.

We hope you all have an enjoyable weekend of rowing.

Richard Mortimer, Entries Secretary

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SAFETY NOTES

Durham Regatta follows the British Rowing Row Safe Guide. All competing clubs and competitors should be familiar with the Guide and for their own safety should comply with the guidance which relate to them.

Regatta Control

Is situated in the portable buildings adjacent to the Regatta Start.

Can be contacted throughout the Regatta weekend on 07817 223485 or 07816 269770. Alternatively ask any Regatta Official with a radio to contact Regatta Control if required.

Medical Provision

British Red Cross Society will be on duty, based near the bandstand, and can be contacted via Regatta Control.

Safety/Rescue Craft

Safety/Rescue Craft will be on duty during racing hours. Launches have priority if they are moving. They may be summoned by any Regatta official via Regatta Control.

The craft will generally be located:

1. downstream of the Short Course finish.
2. at Collingwood Landing near the Start when short course races are being held.
3. near Kingsgate Bridge when long course races are being held

Telephone

A mobile phone for emergency use is located at Regatta Control near the start and a telephone for 999 use is located at Durham ARC boathouse.

Vehicles

The Regatta Enclosure is designated a pedestrian zone during racing. Competitors should use the signposted car park at the University Cricket Ground off Green Lane. Disabled persons, and school/college minibuses should contact the Entries Secretary beforehand to arrange suitable parking arrangements, subject to availability.

Note that following congestion in previous years there is no parking on the track in the immediate vicinity of Durham ARC boathouse.

There is a ban on the use of bicycles on both sides of the river.

Movement on the River

During racing hours crews are not permitted to train on the course. The River Wear in Durham is narrow in places and great care must be exercised at all times. Crews may warm up on the stretch of river upstream of the Durham ARC Landing and warm down below Elvet Bridge in the case of Short Course races, or below Count's House in the case of Long Course races.

Crews proceeding upstream must do so on the Racecourse (starboard) side. Crews must obey umpire and marshalls instructions at all times. In particular crews should only move between short course finish and St. Cuthbert's landing and between Collingwood boathouse and the start when directed by a regatta official. See circulation plan for details.

Crews using **St. Cuthbert's Landing** must not delay when boating and de-boating to keep queues to a minimum.

Crews using **Bede Landing and Collingwood Landing** must ask the bank umpires opposite their Landing for permission to cross the river.

Bank Umpire instructions must be obeyed at all points on the course.

After Racing is completed on each day the usual rules of the river apply. Crews must use the starboard side. i.e.

Row upstream on Racecourse side

Row downstream on Pelaw Wood side

Bank and Footpath Collapses

The bank on Racecourse side near Baths bridge has partially collapsed due to flooding, narrowing the river at this point. Great care must be taken when passing between the Short Course finish and St. Cuthbert's Landing stage and crews must be alert to racing crews and follow the instructions of umpires and marshals.

The riverside footpath opposite the Regatta start is closed due to landslips. A footpath diversion is in place but this offers no access to the riverside.

Weather and Water Conditions

The Race Committee and Safety Committee will monitor the weather and water conditions throughout the Regatta and may suspend, delay or cancel individual races, boat classes or the whole Regatta, if they decide that the conditions are unsuitable for safe and fair racing. These decisions are without appeal.

All competitors should dress appropriately for the prevailing weather conditions. It is always advisable to bring a spare change of clothing in case the British weather does what it does best!

Water Quality

Although the River Wear is monitored by the Environment Agency it is impossible to guarantee the cleanliness of the water. All competitors and officials should be aware of the possibility of contracting water borne diseases. The British Rowing Row Safe documentation gives guidance as to how to minimise the risks. In particular anyone who swallows river water is advised to seek medical attention should they subsequently become ill.

River Banks

The river banks are uneven and steep in places. Extreme caution should be exercised when on/near the river the banks. The areas around landing stages may be covered in oars and other equipment whilst crews are boating/de-boating. This equipment should be returned removed from the landing stage area as soon as practical after a crew/boat leaves the landing stages.

Shallows

The River Wear is shallow in places. In particular the racecourse side of the river just upstream of the start is shallow and crews travelling upstream should take care through this area.

Trees and other obstructions

The River Wear in Durham has been subject to a number of landslips and fallen trees over the past few years. Most of these have been moved and the remnants cause very minimal interference with rowing/racing activities.

Barbecues, Tents and Gazebos

In the interests of health and safety no unauthorised barbecues, tents and gazebos are allowed in the Regatta Enclosure.

Clubs wishing to provide shelter for competitors may only erect gazebos in the designated area between the Regatta start and Durham ARC boathouse by prior arrangements. These must not obstruct the pathway along the river bank.

Useful Contact information

Regatta Secretary	Mr James Lamb	07816 269770
Entries Secretary	Dr Richard Mortimer	07817 223485
Welfare Officer	Mrs Sarah-Louise Wheeler	07725 047485
Safety Advisor	– contact via Regatta Control	
Chairman of Race Committee	– contact via Regatta Control	

All emergencies must be notified to Regatta Control who will co-ordinate with the relevant emergency services.

Non-emergency incidents should also be notified to Regatta Control who will respond/record as appropriate.

Other Useful Numbers:

University Hospital North Durham	0191 333 2333
Durham ARC Boathouse	0191 386 6431

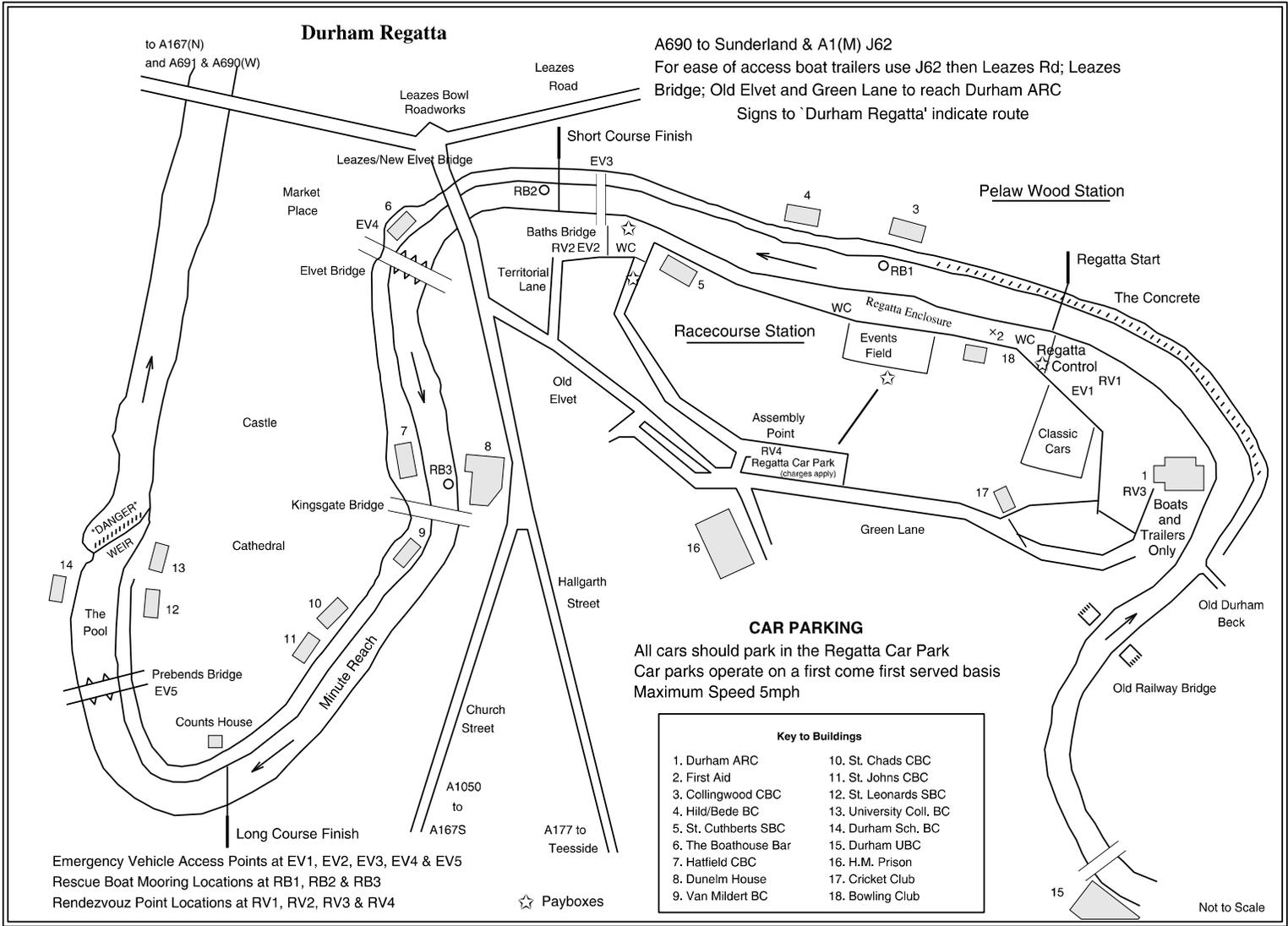
RULES

Durham Regatta is held under British Rowing Rules of Racing subject to the following local rules.

1. Crews moving upstream must proceed on the Racecourse side (i.e. keep to starboard) and obey all instructions given by umpires and marshals who will stop crews as necessary to keep the course clear for racing.
2. All crews and scullers must report to the marshal (positioned at Durham A.R.C. Boathouse) at least 10 minutes before the times of their respective races. They must remain upstream of the start bunting until they are given clearance by the marshal to proceed to the Start.

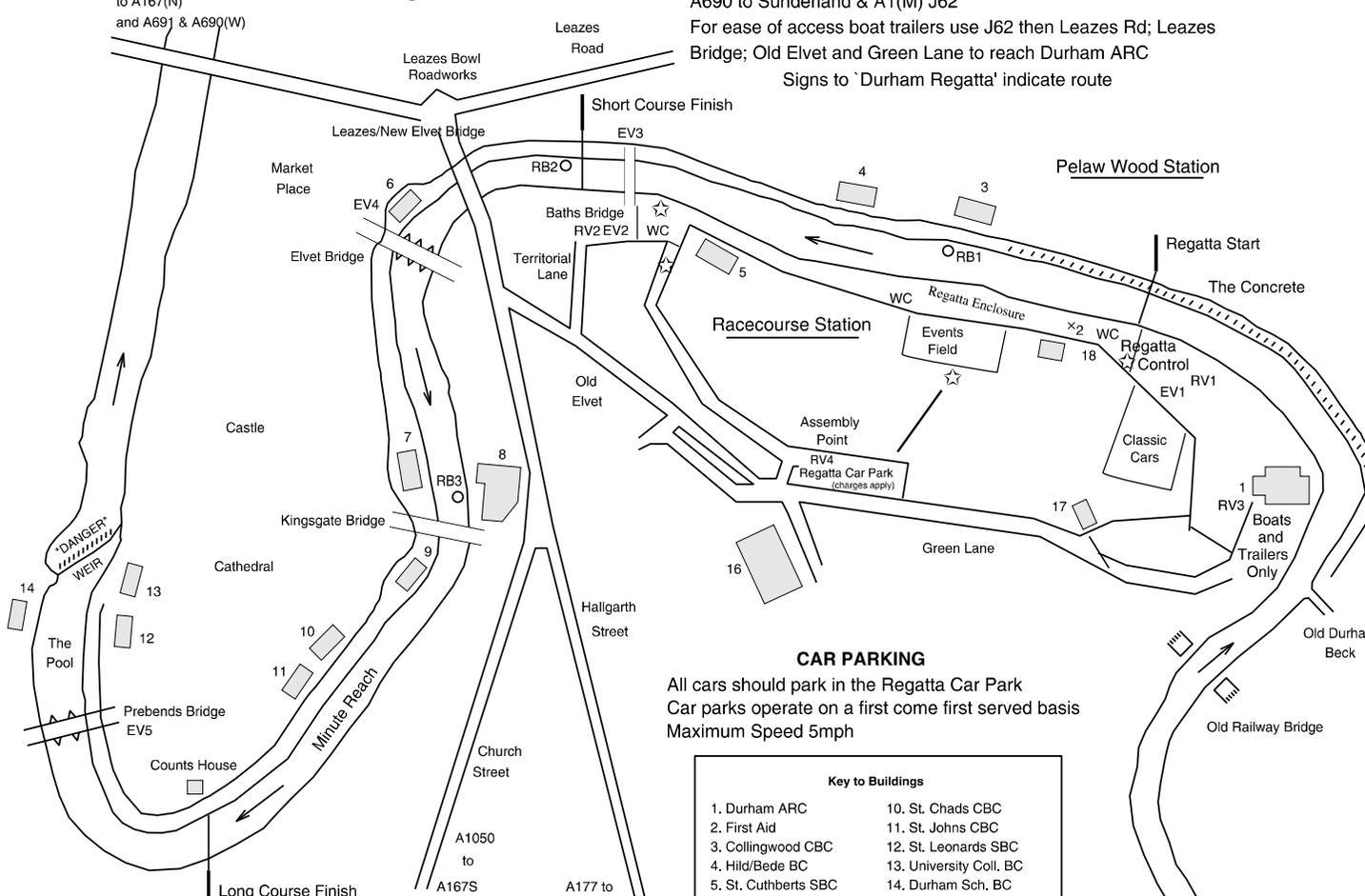
Crews and scullers not arriving on time may be disqualified.

3. The crew first mentioned in each race will take the Racecourse station.
4. The course will be buoyed, each boat must keep to its own water and any boat passing on the wrong side of a buoy may be disqualified.
Crews whose oars overlap a buoy may be disqualified but the utmost discretion will be allowed by the umpires to scullers, doubles and pairs.
5. A Yellow flag will be displayed for winners on the Racecourse station.
A Blue flag for winners on the Pelaw Wood station.
Both flags simultaneously for a dead-heat.
6. In the event of a dead-heat in a short-course race, crews must not leave their boats and the heat must be re-rowed immediately. For a dead-heat in a long course race the time for the re-row shall be fixed by the Entries Secretary, and in no event shall the interval between the dead-heat and the re-row exceed one hour.
7. Long and short course byes will NOT be rowed.
8. After short course races crews must proceed downstream of the large buoy under New Elvet Bridge before turning.
9. The Championship time-trials will be raced on the Pelaw Wood station.
10. The British Rowing Row Safe guide will be enforced in the interests of the safety of competitors and general public.
11. Bicycles are not allowed on the Racecourse or Towpath (including coaches and spectators).
12. In the interests of health and safety, only authorised barbecues, tents or gazebos are permitted in the Regatta Enclosure.
13. The use of drones is not permitted.



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A690 to Sunderland & A1(M) J62
 For ease of access boat trailers use J62 then Leazes Rd; Leazes Bridge; Old Elvet and Green Lane to reach Durham ARC
 Signs to 'Durham Regatta' indicate route



CAR PARKING

All cars should park in the Regatta Car Park
 Car parks operate on a first come first served basis
 Maximum Speed 5mph

Key to Buildings

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| 1. Durham ARC | 10. St. Chads CBC |
| 2. First Aid | 11. St. Johns CBC |
| 3. Collingwood CBC | 12. St. Leonards SBC |
| 4. Hild/Bede BC | 13. University Coll. BC |
| 5. St. Cuthberts SBC | 14. Durham Sch. BC |
| 6. The Boathouse Bar | 15. Durham UBC |
| 7. Hatfield CBC | 16. H.M. Prison |
| 8. Dunelm House | 17. Cricket Club |
| 9. Van Mildert BC | 18. Bowling Club |

Emergency Vehicle Access Points at EV1, EV2, EV3, EV4 & EV5
 Rescue Boat Mooring Locations at RB1, RB2 & RB3
 Rendezvous Point Locations at RV1, RV2, RV3 & RV4

☆ Payboxes

Not to Scale

Durham Regatta - Crew Circulation Plan

