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The 186th Durham Regatta

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186th Durham Regatta – Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th June 2019

Dear Competitors,

Thank you for your entry for Durham Regatta 2019. 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). It opens 07:00 daily and closes 30 minutes after racing concludes.

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 parks off Green Lane. Car park A (the field near Durham ARC) will be filled prior to gam. After gam Car park B will be in operation to keep the dirt track/area near Durham ARC clear for emergency vehicles..

BOAT TRAILERS Visiting clubs must 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 with crew minibus vehicles will this year park in car park A nearest to the river. However you **MUST** contact myself prior to race day to arrange this. All trailers should be parked in the designated trailer parking/trestling areas near Durham ARC.

BOATING ARRANGEMENTS All crews will be boating from Durham ARC in 2019. Additional boat storage/trestling areas is available on the rugby field that has in previous years been

used for Classic Cars. This will allow marshals to call races in order and limit the time that crews are waiting on the water.

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.

OAR STORAGE Oars should be stored in trailers, or similar, when not in use. They should only be brought to the landing stages as you are about to go afloat and should be removed as soon as practical after de-boating.

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 Women's Championship Lightweight 1x must weigh in between 16:18 and 17:18 on Sunday.

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

SUBSTITUTIONS may be made online via BROE prior to race day or via Regatta Control prior to a crew's first race. After the first race only substitutions on medical grounds may be made and these must be authorised by the Chair of Race Committee via Regatta Control.

RACING LICENCES Crew composition will be checked by Control Commission prior to a crew's first race. A crew sheet will be attached to each race number and this should be handed in for checking by Control Commission at the top of the landing stage steps.

CHANGE OF STATUS the competition is raced under the new points system and hence crews will not change status after Saturday's racing. No allowance has been made in the Sunday draw for change of status.

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.

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

NUMBERS paper numbers will be issued (but see note about long course/championships below), **to be worn on Bow/Sculler racing vest**. In addition a plastic number will be issued to be placed in a slot on the bow of the boat. Plastic slot numbers must be returned to race control after a crew's final race. A charge of £2.00 will be made for any non-returned plastic numbers.

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.

LONG COURSE RACES In 2019 crews entering long course races will be identified by a "black text on white background" plastic number (other crews on Sunday having "white text on black background" plastic number). Only one paper number will be issued. The paper number should be worn on the racing strip. It is imperative that long course crews report to the marshals promptly to ensure that these races start promptly.

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 07538 929560. Alternatively ask any Regatta Official with a radio to contact Regatta Control if required.

Medical Provision

NERAMS Ltd. 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 parks on the playing fields 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. Anyone cycling alongside a crew could result in the disqualification of that crew.

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.

Durham based clubs should ensure that their boats are upstream of the regatta start at least 30 minutes prior to the start of racing on each day. After this time all boats should boat/de-boat from Durham ARC landing stages. Boats may be returned to their home boathouse downstream of the finish immediately after their last race of the day except on Sunday morning (division 1) when the lower reach is reserved for long course racing.

St. Cuthbert's Landing, Bede Landing and Collingwood Landing should not be used during the hours of racing without the express permission of the Race Committee. This will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.

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.

Circulation pattern on the land.

All crews will boat from Durham ARC. An additional boat storage/trestling area has been provided on the rugby field adjacent to Durham ARC. Crews/boats accessing this area should leave the Durham ARC grounds via the downstream bankside gate. Through the gate turn left and cross the track through the gap in the fence into the field. When boating leave the field at the opposite end of the field and enter the Durham ARC property via the tarmac track.

Take care when crossing the dirt track ambulances & regatta vehicles may need to enter/leave the regatta site occasionally. The ground may also be uneven in places in these areas.

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 or 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 Chris Merchant	07538 929560
Entries Secretary	Dr Richard Mortimer	07817 223485
Welfare Officer	Mrs Stella van Zwanenberg	07986 944677
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



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LOCAL 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 British Rowing Row Safe guidance will be applied in the interests of the safety of competitors and general public.
10. Bicycles are not allowed on the Racecourse or Towpath (including coaches and spectators). Any crew being paced or followed by a bicycle may be disqualified.
11. In the interests of health and safety, only authorised barbecues, tents or gazebos are permitted in the Regatta Enclosure.
12. The use of drones is not permitted.



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