

2017 Notice of Regatta

Offshore Regatta & Development Day

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1. DATE AND VENUE

1.1 The British Rowing Offshore Development Day will take place on Saturday, 29 July 2017 and the Offshore Regatta on Sunday, 30 July 2017, at Sandbanks Beach, Sandbanks Car Park, Banks Rd, Poole BH13 7QQ.

1.2 All races will be in FISA Class Coastal boats and follow the British Rowing's Rules of Racing and the associated Offshore Departures.

1.3 Heats will be over 4km and finals over 6km and will use beach starts and finishes.

2. EVENTS, FREES AND PRIZES

EVENTS OFFERED AND ENTRY FEES

2.1 The following Open (O) and Women's (W) events are offered Seniors only at the Championships for the entry fee indicated:

Event	Open	Women
Solo (C1x)	£15	£15
Double (C2x)	£30	£30
Quads (C4x+)	£60	£60

2.2 Competitors must be 16 years or above on 29 July 2017

2.3 Prizes: Individual gold, silver or bronze medals will be awarded to the overall fastest three crews in the final or final A of each event.

3. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

3.1 The Regatta Championships is open to any individual member of a club affiliated to any Great Britain rowing body. Individual competitors, including substitutes, must be registered members of their declared club(s) at the time of racing.

3.2 The British Rowing Championships is a national event; entries from Northern Ireland are welcomed. Please note that British Rowing membership insurance is only valid for individuals who are UK residents for more than six months in a year.

3.3. Competitors must provide their own blades and safety equipment.

3.4 Any crew with a crew member under the age of 18 years must have an appropriate named coach or responsible adult appointed by the club present. The coach or responsible adult, who must be over the age of 18, must be named on the entry form and a current mobile telephone number for that person must be provided.

3.5. No provision will be made for multiple entries.

4. MAKING ENTRIES

4.1 Entries must be made through BROE2 and must be submitted **by 23:59 on Saturday, 1 July 2017** when the system will close. The Championships does not accept late entries.

4.2 If you have any queries regarding entries or the entries process, or if you are having difficulties with the BROE2 system, please log onto the system to access the contact details of someone who can help. If you are an overseas entry please email clubs@britishrowing.org.

4.3 Please note when submitting entries through BROE2:

- Payment must be made by credit or debit card through BROE2 before close of entries.
- All possible contact details should be completed. We may need to contact you before or during the Regatta, so it is in your interests to ensure that your contact details are accurate and up-to-date.
- Notices will be emailed to each crew's submitting BROE2 administrator. You should ensure that this email address is monitored and up-to-date.
- All individual coxes and competitors need hold a Silver or Gold Memberships or equivalent for insurance purposes.
- You should check that you can comply with the Conditions of Entry (see Section 3).
- In 2017, the entries will be limited to provisionally between 12-18 crews per event; crews wishing to be ranked for the 2017 World Rowing Coastal Championships are strongly advised to enter early and to make a note of this in their entry.

5. THE TIMETABLE, REGISTRATION, PROGRESSION AND DRAW

5.1 Crews are expected to register between 0900 - 0930 on Saturday, 29 July to confirm their entry. This can be done by a crew representative.

5.2 A provisional timetable will be published on the website:
www.britishrowing.org/events/events-calendar/british-rowing-offshore-championships.
Competitors are expected to monitor the timetable and be ready for changes.

5.3 The provisional progression system will be published on the website the week after entries close.

5.4 The draw will be overseen by the Race Committee Chairman after registration closes on Saturday, 29 July. Start lists will be published at the Crew Captains meeting.

5.5 A link to an information pack containing the Entries List, Provisional Timetable and Event Competitors Instructions (giving general and safety instructions) will be posted on the website.

6. MAKING CHANGES TO ENTRIES

6.1 Crew changes must be made to the Entries Secretary (offshoreentries@britishrowing.org) before the crew goes afloat, in accordance with the Rules of Racing. Crews must use BROE2 to update substitutions prior to the Regatta; the system will be re-opened for a period to allow this. After this time, changes must be notified in person at the Registration Desk, with details of the substitute's registered club, name, date of birth and Racing Licence number as recorded by the relevant Great Britain rowing body.

6.3 Crews that scratch before the Regatta should scratch on BROE2 or inform the Entries Secretary directly by email. Crews scratching from an event at the Regatta must inform the Entries Secretary at the Registration Desk. Crews that have scratched cannot be reinstated.

6.4 A representative of every crew must confirm its intention to race at Registration between 0900 - 0930 on Saturday, 29 July.

7. RACING FORMAT AND CONDUCT

7.1 The aim of the progression system is to identify the fastest three crews in each event.

7.2 The start of the race will be a beach start with crews standing next to their floating boats. In line with the rules, and taking into account the weather conditions, each crew will be allowed two boat handlers at the discretion of the Race Committee Chairman.

7.3 The boat handlers shall wear matching uniforms that is different in colour to their crew. The role of the boat handlers is to support the safe start and finish of their crew. The boat handlers shall at no time enter the boat or be in water deeper than shoulder height. The boat handlers are under the jurisdiction of the rules and race officials and their actions may result in their crew being penalised.

7.4 At the finish, crews shall approach the 'arrival zone' under full control and in a safe manner; crews are under obligation to avoid boats that are already in the arrival zone. Crews failing this risk being disqualified.

7.5 The finish will be a running beach finish where one crew member will exit their boat and run across the finish line. The remaining members of the crew and boat handlers (see above) will promptly remove their boat from the arrival zone.

8. DEVELOPMENT DAY

8.1 The Development Day is primarily to support crews wishing to race the following day. The Masterclass will allow crews to learn and practice how some of the fastest crews at the Mediterranean Games and Asian Beach Games have developed their techniques.

8.2 There may be a number of places for rowers that wish to attend the Development Day only and not race. The availability will only be apparent after entries have closed on the 1 July. Look on the website the week after entries close to learn how to book a place. There will be a £15 fee. For insurance purposes, rowers will need to be British Rowing Gold or Silver members.

9. PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

See the latest timetable on the website.

Friday, 28 July

1900 - 2100	Trailer unloading
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Saturday, 29 July

0600-0800	Trailer unloading
0900-0930	Crew Registration
1000-1400	Master Class: beach start and finishes
1400-1600	Crew Training & Umpire Seminar
1630-1730	Captain's Meeting

Sunday, 30 July

0600-1300	Heats (4km)
1400-1500	Finals CW4x+/C2x/CW1x & Prize giving
1600-1700	Finals C4x+/CW2x/C1x & Prize giving
1900->	Trailer loading

10. REGULATIONS FOR RACING

10.1 The Regatta is run in accordance with the Rules of British Rowing, the British Rowing Rules of Racing, the Offshore departures and RowSafe guidance together with its associated documents. Competitors and coaches are reminded that they should be familiar with these documents.

10.2 Entry fees will not be refunded if it should become necessary, for any reason, to abandon the Regatta or any event.

10.3 When it is not possible, for whatever reason, to complete the Championships or an event, the draw pattern may be changed or times from heats be used to determine which crews will progress to later rounds, or to determine the medal positions or the plaque winners.

10.4 Crews that fail to confirm their entry at Registration or pass Control Commission will not be permitted to start.

10.5 The Organising Committee reserves the right to exclude any crew or sculler from further competition in an event if it does not show sufficient competence. This is applied in the interests of safety and fairness to other competitors.

10.6 To win a medal, a crew must beat another crew, except for a gold medal in an event from which all other crews have withdrawn. Events with fewer than three entries at the close of entries may be timetabled within another Final.

10.7 All winners' identification shall be confirmed. Winners who cannot confirm their identity may not receive any crew or individual prize until their eligibility has been confirmed.

10.8 It is the competitor's responsibility to keep him/herself informed of any changes to the event programme.

11. CLUB & POOL BOATS

11.1 Crews wishing to hire a pool boat should email james.andrews@britishrowing.org and request a form which should be completed and returned. Boat hire will cost £30 per seat. Only once full payment has been received can we confirm your hire. Pool boats will be allocated on first come first serve bases.

Please be aware that there are limited pool boats and you will be sharing the boats with other crews. Crews may be rowing in different boats in different rounds. The pool boats will be rigged on a standard rig and crews are not expected to change this other than heights. The pool boats will have a tow line.

You will need to bring your own oars and lifejackets. Bringing your own oars gives the advantage that you can adapt the work to suit your personal specification.

11.2 We encourage crews to bring their own boats; there are only a limited number of pool boats and to have good races we are reliant of clubs to bring their own boats to race in. You will be able to indicate if you are required to hire a boat/s when you make your entry through BROE2.

The boat park is located at the back of the beach above the high water mark and crews are advised not to leave any removable items in their boats overnight and to turn their boats

over. The Organising Committee cannot take any responsibility for damage to the boats. Please make sure you have adequate insurance.

Please note that the boats will be available to purchase after the event.

12. TRAILERS AND PARKING

12.1 Trailer access to the beach is limited. Trailer drivers should notify the organising committee that they will be bringing in a trailer and the day and time they expect to arrive. At least 30 minutes before arrival, drivers are asked to ring ahead to ensure they can be met and guided on arrival. Drivers will be given more information once confirming the date and time of their arrival.

12.2 The following times have been set aside for unloading Friday 1900-2100, Saturday 0600-0800 and for loading after racing, Sunday 1900-2100.

12.3 Trailer parking will be offsite at a local school. The location is yet to be confirmed.

13. VOLUNTEERS, OFFICIALS AND UMPIRES

13.1 We welcome all volunteers (18yr+) to help support this inaugural event. If you know of anyone who would be interested please ask them to complete the registration form on the British Rowing Offshore Championships website.

13.2 The Regatta will need a team of between 20-25 officials, ranging from FISA Offshore umpires, qualified domestic umpires (river and coastal), general marshals and launch drivers (RYA L2 Powerboat) to run the races. Please contact Race Committee Chairman guinbatten@btinternet.org if you are able to help.

14. PHOTOGRAPHY

14.1 There are official photographers and videographers at the Championships. These photographs and videos may be used on the website and social media sites of the Championships or by British Rowing. By entering the Regatta, competitors and those responsible for them consent to this.

14.2 Competitors, and those responsible for them, should be aware that other, nonofficial photographers might operate at national sporting events and the subsequent photographs or videos may be freely used in print, digital media or elsewhere, over which the Organising Committee has no control.

15. CLEAN SPORT STATEMENT

15.1 British Rowing is committed to Clean Sport. All athletes, athlete support personnel and clubs are bound and must abide by the World Anti-Doping Agency Code. Athletes competing at the British Rowing Offshore Championships could be tested at any time and by entering this event it will be deemed that consent to be tested has been given.

15.2 To understand more about anti-doping, the rules and your responsibilities, go to www.britishrowing.org/antidoping or email antidoping@britishrowing.org.

16. USEFUL LINKS

British Rowing www.britishrowing.com

British rowing rules of racing: www.britishrowing.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Rules-of-Racing_Final-7.3.17.pdf?41e6e6&41e6e6

Poole Council: www.poole.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/beaches/our-beaches/sandbanks/

World Rowing Rules: see appendix 22 and 23 for coastal endurance and beach sprint format.

www.worldrowing.com/mm/Document/General/General/12/68/94/FISArulebookEN2017finalweb_Neutral.pdf

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