



British Rowing Offshore Championships

Notice of Competition

Dear Athletes

British Rowing is committed to ensuring that rowing is an accessible and inclusive sport which provides opportunities for enjoyment and achievement at all levels. To better achieve this goal British Rowing understands the need to expand those opportunities to include all types of sea rowing.

FISA have been supporting the growth of the FISA class of coastal rowing (offshore) to broaden the 'universality' of the sport to countries and communities that do not have the water to compete in 'river' or 'lake' rowing.

There are two disciplines that use the FISA class boats which have been developed by FISA. The Endurance and the Beach Sprint format. Both of these events use three boat classes as defined in World Rowing's Rules of Racing and in British Rowing Rules of Racing. These are solo (C1x), double (C2x) and quad (C4x+).

Endruo: a mass 6km race around turning points with or without a beach start and finish.

Beach Sprint: a side by side 250m slalom course starting and finishing on the beach.

With this in mind, British Rowing is continuing to develop an Offshore Championships event that will provide a pathway progression from the in-country offshore competitions to the World Rowing Coastal Championship. Further objectives include supporting the development of the discipline including rules, event organisers, umpires, etc.

In 2017 British Rowing hosted the first Endruo form of the competition for those crews wishing to qualify for the 2017 World Coastal Rowing Championships in France. This year it will be doing the same for the 2018 World Coastal Rowing Championships in October in Victoria, Vancouver Island, Canada.

In 2018 British Rowing will host the Commonwealth Regatta for the first time. This format was codified by World Rowing in 2014 and has been officially part of the Mediterranean Beach Games (2015) and the Asian Beach Games (2016). There are plans for a 2018 Commonwealth Rowing Beach Championships and World Rowing are working to get the inclusion of the format into future World Beach Games. The Beach Sprint format is a strategically important part of World Rowing's future. The Beach Sprint version has specifically been designed to be low cost to run, provide strong event presentation and spectator appeal and to allow jeopardy to be a part of the competition outcome.

2018 6km OFFSHORE EVENT

All types of rowing have increased in popularity over the last few years. To support this British Rowing are aiming to enable British crews of all disciplines the chance to be able to race in the UK with a beach start and finish.

This also provides an opportunity for crews to be ranked for the World Rowing Coastal Championships.

DATE OF EVENT

Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th August 2018

VENUE

Sandbanks Beach, located near Sandbanks Car Park, Banks Rd, Poole BH13 7QQ

BOAT CLASSES

The following boat classes will be raced matching the categories at the 2018 World Rowing Coastal Championships.

Open (M) CM1x, CM2x, CM4x+
Women (W) CW1x, CW2x, CW4x+

BOAT TYPES

All boats used must conform to the British Rowing Rules of Racing, Rule 14, Appendix F, Offshore Rowing Competition Rules.

<https://www.britishrowing.org/events/entering-events/rules-of-racing/>

Solo (C1x)
Double (C2x)
Coxed Quadruple Sculls (C4x+)

ENTRIES

Entry will be through the British Rowing Online Entry system (BROE2)

Entries **OPEN** Friday 25th May 2018
Entries **CLOSE** Friday 27th July 2018 at 12 noon

DRAW & PROGRESSION

The draw and progression will be announced at the Captain's Meeting, to which all crew members must attend.

ENTRY FEES

The cost of entries will be £15 per seat, not including coxes.

BOAT HIRE

The cost of boat hire will be £30 per boat.

LIFE JACKETS

All competitors must supply their own manually inflated life jacket (not buoyancy aid).

OARS

All competitors must supply their own oars.

EVENT CONTACT

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F. A. Q.'s

How do I obtain a ranking for the 2018 World Rowing Coastal Championships?

Only crews that race at the 2018 British Rowing Offshore event will be given a ranking for the 2018 World Rowing Coastal Championships.

Only the Top 5 ranked boats will be guaranteed an entry for the 2018 World Rowing Coastal Championships. Crews not attending BROCC may still enter the World Rowing Coastal event but may have to qualify on the day before the 2018 World Rowing Coastal Championships begin.

My club doesn't own a FISA coastal boat, will there be an opportunity to hire equipment for the event?

It is our intention to have pool boats available for hire. Information regarding this will be released as soon as possible on the British Rowing website.

Who can enter?

Anyone with rowing experience can enter, although it should be borne in mind that this event is held on the sea! However if the entry is high we may need to prioritise crews wishing to take part in the World Rowing Coastal Championships.

Do I need to wear any specific kit?

Please refer to the British Rowing Rules of Racing, Rule 14, Appendix F, ID on Racing Shirt for the rules on clothing.

<https://www.britishrowing.org/events/entering-events/rules-of-racing/>

Do I need a British Rowing membership to take part?

Yes, for the 2018 event you will need to have a minimum of a British Rowing Silver Membership.

Why do I need a British Rowing Membership?

Membership of British Rowing provides a number of benefits including the important racing insurance. Please see the British Rowing website for more details.

<https://www.britishrowing.org/membership/>

To take part in the World Rowing Coastal Championships, you and your club must be affiliated to your National Governing Body.

Further information about the 2018 World Rowing Coastal Championships?

Location: Sidney, Victoria, Vancouver Island, BC, Canada

Date: 11-14 October 2018.

Important information regarding entry to the 2018 World Rowing Coastal Championships.

Follow the steps below to make an entry:

- 1: Clubs to fill out and send the online entry form found on the British Rowing website to British Rowing by *1 August (Date t.b.c.)*

- 2: British Rowing to make entries by 10 September 2018 using FISA online entry system. Club names and crew rankings to be included.

- 3: All Athletes to fill out the new "Athlete Commitment Form" and to send it to FISA by mail or, to hand it to the FISA representative at the registration in Sidney.

All Crews must confirm their entries in person at the regatta venue by 11.00 on 11th October 2018