



**OFFSHORE  
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

# **2019 Notice of Competition**

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**TEAMWORK | OPEN TO ALL | COMMITMENT**

## Introduction

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

FISA have been supporting the growth of coastal boat based competitions, providing two formats - Endurance and Beach Sprint. Both 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 coxed quadruple sculls (C4x+).

The Endurance format is a race of 4-6km around turning points, with or without a beach start.

With this in mind, British Rowing is continuing to develop the Offshore Championships event that will provide a pathway progression from the in-country offshore competitions to the World Rowing Coastal Championships. This also includes supporting the development of the format of racing including rules, event organisers, umpires etc.

In 2017 and 2018 British Rowing hosted the Endurance form of the competition for those crews who wished to qualify for the World Coastal Championships in France in 2017 and in Canada in 2018. This year it will be doing the same for the 2019 World Coastal Championships in November in Hong Kong.

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 coastal events in the UK with a beach start and finish. Racing with a beach start and finish gives spectators a much better experience of watching the racing.

In 2019 British Rowing will be hosting the first British Rowing Beach Sprints event, open to all, on Sandbanks Beach on the Sunday following the Offshore Championships. See the separate Notice of Competition for more details.

Barbara Wilson  
Chair of the Organising Committee  
British Rowing Offshore Championships

## 1. Date and Venue and Application of Rules

- 1.1. The 2019 British Rowing Offshore Championships will be held on Friday, 9, and Saturday, 10 August 2019 at the Sandbanks Beach, located near to Sandbanks Car Park, Banks Road, Poole, BH13 7QQ
- 1.2. The heats will be over 4Km and the finals over 6Km
- 1.3. The Regatta is run in accordance with the British Rowing Regulations, the Rules of Racing (in particular Appendix F) and RowSafe guidance together with its associated documents. Competitors and coaches are reminded that they should be familiar with these documents. Local Rules will also apply.

## 2. Events, Fees and Prizes

### Events Offered and Entry Fees

- 2.1. The following Open (O) and Women's (W) events are offered at the Championships for the entry fees indicated:

Event	Open & Women		Mixed	
	Own Boat	Pool Boat	Own Boat	Pool Boat
Solo (C1x)	£20	£50		
Double (C2x)	£40	£100	£40	£100
Coxed Quads (C4x+)	£80	£200		

- 2.2. Please contact Allie Hunt ([offshoreentries@britishrowing.org](mailto:offshoreentries@britishrowing.org)) before entering to confirm the use of a pool boat. There are a limited number of boats available.

### Prizes

- 2.3. Individual gold, silver or bronze medals will be awarded to the overall fastest three crews in the final of each event.
- 2.4. The principal coach of each medal-winning crew will also receive a gold, silver or bronze medal.
- 2.5. The names of the winning crew for each event will be recorded in the British Rowing Championships Book of Winners.
- 2.6. The highest-placed British crew in each event (including the omnium events) will receive the club champion plaque for that event.

### 3. Conditions of Entry

- 3.1. The British Rowing Offshore Championships is open to any individual member of a club affiliated to any FISA federation.
- 3.2. A British Rowing RACE, Welsh Rowing RACE or Scottish and Overseas membership is required
- 3.3. Any competitor from outside British Rowing requires a British Rowing overseas membership.
- 3.4. Please note that British Rowing membership insurance is only valid for individuals who are UK residents for more than six months in a year.
- 3.5. Competitors may hire a pool boat after confirmation from Allie Hunt ([offshoreentries@britishrowing.org](mailto:offshoreentries@britishrowing.org)) through the BROE.
- 3.6. **All competitors must provide their own blades and life jackets.** Foam filled lifejackets are recommended. The British Rowing Offshore Championships will not be making blades or lifejackets available to hire.
- 3.7. No provision will be made for multiple entries or boat sharing. The Order of Finals which will help competitors in deciding which events to enter is provided at Section 8.
- 3.8. All competitors (including coxes) must be over 16 on the 1 September 2018.

### 4. Making Entries

- 4.1. Entries must be made through BROE. Entries will open at 12:00 on Wednesday, 5 June 2019 and **must be submitted by 13:00 on Tuesday, 23 July 2019** when the system will close. The Championships do 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 BROE system, please email **[offshoreentries@britishrowing.org](mailto:offshoreentries@britishrowing.org)** in good time. Email is the preferred method of contact, but if this is not possible then telephone 0208 237 6749 up until close of entries.
- 4.3. Please note when submitting entries through BROE:
  - a. Payment must be made by credit or debit card through BROE before close of entries.
  - b. 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.
  - c. A copy of the Entries List, Provisional Timetable and other information will be emailed to each crew's submitting BROE administrator and Pre-Competition Contact on Monday, 29 July. You should ensure that this email address is monitored and up-to-date.
  - d. You should check that you can comply with the Conditions of Entry (see Section 3).

4.4. Please note:

- a. Neither late entries nor late payment will be accepted.
- b. Errors made by the Organising Committee may be rectified in the published information.
- c. On request, errors made by competitors may be rectified at the Organising Committee's discretion. Any such requests must be sent by email to **offshoreentries@britishrowing.org** by 12:00 on Wednesday, 31 July. Responses to such requests will only be available after this time.
- d. If a crew scratches before the Regatta and this makes a major change to race timings, this information will be posted on the website as soon as possible. It is a competitor's duty to check for updates.

## 5. The Draw Process

- 5.1. The race programme will be co-ordinated from British Rowing, 6 Lower Mall, London W6 9DJ on Wednesday, 24 July from 12:00 noon onwards. No details will be disclosed before 12:00 on Monday, 29 July when the Provisional Timetable will be published on the website: [www.britishrowing.org/broc](http://www.britishrowing.org/broc) A link to an information pack containing the Entries List, Provisional Timetable and Event Information Leaflet (giving general and safety instructions) will be emailed to all submitting administrators who have entered crews. These documents will also be posted on the website.
- 5.2. Enquiries regarding the draw should be made by email to [offshoreentries@britishrowing.org](mailto:offshoreentries@britishrowing.org). Please remember to include your full contact details.

## 6. Making Changes to Entries

- 6.1. Crew changes must be notified to the Entries Secretary before the crew goes afloat, in accordance with the Rules of Racing. Crews must use BROE to notify substitutions prior to the Regatta; the system will be open from 09:00 on Wednesday, 24 July until 09:00 on Thursday, 8 August. After this time, changes must be notified in person at the Registration Tent, 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.
- 6.2. Crews that scratch before the Regatta should scratch on BROE or inform the Entries Secretary directly by email. The BROE Crew ID must be included in the email. Crews scratching from an event at the Regatta must inform the Entries Secretary at the Registration Tent. Crews that have scratched cannot be reinstated.
- 6.3. A representative of every crew must confirm its intention to race to the Entries Secretary at the Captains Meeting on the morning of each race day.
- 6.4. Withdrawal after a crew's first race will be allowed if notice is given to the Entries Secretary and there are acceptable reasons.

## 7. Racing Format

- 7.1. The Start and Finish of the races are on the beach.
- 7.2. The Championships draw system aims to identify the fastest three crews in each event.
- 7.3. The heats will be held on Friday, 9 August and will be raced over 4km.
- 7.4. The finals will be held on Saturday, 10 August and will be raced over 6km.
- 7.5. Information on the draw and progressions will be announced at the Captain's Meeting on the morning of each race day.
- 7.6. All crew members must attend the Captain's Meeting.

## 8. Indicative Timetable

### Friday, 9 August 2019

09:00	Course open for training
11:00	Captain's Meeting
13:00	Heats of OC4x+, WC2x, OC1x
14:00	Heats of OC4x+, OC1x, OC2x
15:00	Heats of OC2x, WC1x, WC2x
16:00	Course re-opens for training
18:00	Course closes for training

### Saturday, 10 August 2019

08:00	Course opens for training
08:00	Captain's Meeting
10:00	Finals of OC2x, WC1x
11:00	Finals of WC4x+, OC1x
12:00	Finals of OC4x+, WC2x
13:00	Finals of MixC2x
14:00	Prizegiving
15:00	Beach Rowing Sprints course opens for training
18:00	Course closes for training

### General notes about the indicative timetable

- 8.1. All finals will be on Saturday.
- 8.2. If W4x+ or MixC2x entry is over 6-8 in number then heats will be required on Friday.
- 8.3. The final race timetable is subject to change until all crews intending to race have registered at the Regatta. The above plan is indicative only, and all times are approximate.

## Order of finals

8.4. Finals will be raced in the following order.

OC2x, WC1x, WC4x, OC1x, OC4x+, WC2x, MixC2x

8.5. Any multiple entries are made at the competitor's own risk and race timings will not be changed.

## 9. Regulations for Racing

- 9.1. The Regatta is run in accordance with the British Rowing Rules of Racing and Row Safe guidance together with its associated documents. Competitors and coaches are reminded that they should be familiar with these documents.
- 9.2. Entry fees will not be refunded if it should become necessary, for any reason, to abandon the Regatta or any event.
- 9.3. When it is not possible, for whatever reason, to complete the Championships or an event, the times from the heats may be used to determine the medal positions.
- 9.4. Crews that fail to confirm their entry to the Entries Secretary at the Captain's Meeting will not be permitted to start. Those that have confirmed but then fail to appear at the Start for any of their races in the event may be barred from other events in the Championships.
- 9.5. Should a substitute coach attend the Championships, he/she must contact the Entries Secretary and register his/her mobile telephone number.
- 9.6. 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 in progressing down the course during a race. This is applied in the interests of safety and fairness to other competitors.
- 9.7. To win a medal a crew must beat another crew, except for gold in an event from which all other crews have withdrawn. Events with fewer than three entries at the close of entries may be withdrawn.
- 9.8. 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.
- 9.9. It is the competitor's responsibility to keep him/herself informed of any changes to the event programme.
- 9.10. Competitors are reminded that they must bring their membership card with them. Membership cards must include an up-to-date photograph where required by their Great Britain Rowing Body. A competitor whose card does not have a space for a photograph must bring a photographic identity document with them to the Regatta.

## 10. Photography & Media

- 10.1. There are official photographers and videographers at the Championships. Official photographs may be available for sale at the Regatta and subsequently from the photographer's website. These photographs and videos may be used on websites and social media channels of the Championships or by British Rowing and/or their partners. By entering the Regatta, competitors and those responsible for them consent to this.
- 10.2. Competitors and those responsible for them should be aware that other, non-official photographers may operate at national sporting events and the subsequent photographs or videos may be freely used in print, digital media or elsewhere, over which the British Rowing has no control.
- 10.3. Coaches, responsible adults and competitors agree that by entering competitors they have made the competitors and their parents/guardians (where in loco parentis) aware of the above two paragraphs.
- 10.4. In addition to the above, the event may be streamed live on the day of the event and the footage may also be shared with the media and press. Coaches, responsible adults and competitors agree that by entering the competition, they have made their athletes and their parents or caregivers aware of this and that further they consent to this.

## 11. Selection for the World Rowing Coastal Championships

- 11.1. The World Rowing Coastal Championships (WRCC) will be held in Victoria Harbour, Hong Kong, China, 1-3 November 2019.
- 11.2. Crews may enter the WRCC without competing at the British Rowing Offshore Championships. However you may have to race through qualifying rounds and are not guaranteed entry into the heats.
- 11.3. Crews competing at the British Rowing Offshore Championships and selected for the WRCC will be entered directly into the heats.
- 11.4. Information on the WRCC is available at <http://www.worldrowing.com/events/2019-world-rowing-coastal-championships/event-information>
- 11.5. A British Rowing RACE licence (or Scottish Rowing licence) will be required to race at the WRCC.
- 11.6. Time table for entry into the WRCC

12:00 23 September 2019	Entries for WRCC close on BROE
30 September	British Rowing submit entries via the FISA online entry system
10:00 31 October	Crews confirm their entries to FISA
1 November	Athletes complete the "Athlete Commitment Form" and send to FISA or hand in at the WRCC



## 12. Clean Sport Statement

12.1. The British Rowing Offshore Championships 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 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.

12.2. To understand more about anti-doping, the rules and your responsibilities, go to [www.britishrowing.org/antidoping](http://www.britishrowing.org/antidoping) or email [antidoping@britishrowing.org](mailto:antidoping@britishrowing.org)

## 13. Table of Key Dates

12:00	Monday, 5 June	Entries open on BROE
<b>13:00</b>	<b>Tuesday, 23 July</b>	<b>Entries close</b>
12:00	Wednesday, 24 July	BROE re-opened for substitutions only
12:00	Monday, 29 July	Provisional Timetable published
12:00	Wednesday, 31 July	Deadline for requests for corrections to the draw
09:00	Thursday, 8 August	BROE closes for substitutions; any further substitutions must be notified in person at the Registration Tent from 09:00 on Friday, 9 August
09:00*	Friday, 9 August	Registration Tent opens for registering and making substitutions
18:00 *	Friday, 9 August	Registration Tent closes for the day
08:00 *	Saturday, 10 August	Registration Tent opens for the day
15:00 *	Saturday, 10 August	Registration Tent closes for the day

\* The opening and closing times for Registration Tent may be amended once the draw is known. Any amended times will be published with the Provisional Timetable.

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