

2021 Notice of Competition

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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.

World Rowing has been supporting the growth of coastal boat based competitions, providing two formats - Endurance (Offshore) and Beach Sprint. British Rowing's Rules of Racing Offshore event uses three boats classes, solo (C1x), double (C2x) and coxed quadruple sculls (C4x+), whilst the Beach Sprint event has two; solo (C1x) and double (C2x).

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

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.

Sadly the 2019 British Rowing Offshore Championships were cancelled due to adverse weather and the 2020 Championships were cancelled due to the global pandemic, COVID-19.

The rescheduled 2020 World Rowing Coastal Championships will be held in Oerias, Portugal in October 2021. Saundersfoot in Pembrokeshire, Wales will host the World Rowing Coastal Championships from 7-9 October 2022.

Barbara Wilson,

Chair of the Organising Committee British Rowing Offshore & Beach Sprint Championships

1. Date and Venue and Application of Rules

1.1. The 2021 British Rowing Offshore Championships will be held on Friday, 16, and Saturday, 17 July 2021 at the Exmouth Beach, located near to Exmouth Rowing Club, Queen's Drive, Exmouth, EX8 2AZ

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 (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:

	Open (O) or Women (W)	Mixed	Masters D (50+ O or W)	Boat Hire
Solo C1x	£30	n/a	n/a	+£50
Double C2x	£60	£120	n/a	+£100
Quad C4x+	£120	n/a	£120	+£200

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 names of the winning crew for each event will be recorded in the British Rowing Championships Book of Winners.

3. Conditions of Entry

3.1. The British Rowing Offshore Championships is open to any individual member of a club affiliated to British Rowing.

3.2. A British Rowing **ROW**, Welsh Rowing or Scottish Rowing membership is required

3.3. 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 who wish to enter and hire a pool boat must contact offshoreentries@britishrowing.org to request a pool boat hire **AND** receive confirmation of that hire **BEFORE** making an entry as there are a very limited number of boats available. The Organising Committee will allocate the boats once the draw has been completed. There will be no guarantee that you will be allocated the same boat for heats and finals. The allocation of the boats is at the discretion of the organising committee. Competitors will still need to provide their own life jackets and blades for hired boats.

3.6. **All competitors must provide their own blades and life jackets.** The British Rowing Offshore Championships will not be making blades or life jackets available to hire. However, we are able to make blades and life jackets available to competitors from **outside the UK Mainland**

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 J17, i.e. over 16 on the 1 September 2020.

3.9. There will be no handicapping for Masters D 4x+ events for either Open and Women.

3.10. The organising committee reserves the right to combine events where necessary.

3.11. For 2021 we are unable to accept entries from overseas competitors due to UK Government guidelines. However, under the Common Travel Area, entries from

the UK, Republic of Ireland, Channel Islands and Isle of Man are all allowed.
Please check the UK government website for the latest guidelines before entering as these can regularly change.

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/ireland>

4. Making Entries

4.1. Entries must be made through BROE. Entries will open after 15.00 on **Monday 7th June 2021** and **must be submitted by 15:00 on Monday 5th July 2021** 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** in good time.

Email is the preferred method of contact, but if this is not possible then telephone 07836 774603 up until close of entries.

4.3. Please note when submitting entries through BROE

- a. Payment must be made by credit or debit card
- 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 **Thursday 8th July by 22:00** You should ensure that the email address supplied 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 **Monday 12 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.

4.5. Competitors who wish to hire a boat must contact offshoreentries@britishrowing.org to arrange any hire and receive confirmation of that hire **BEFORE** making their entry. Entries made without having confirmation of hire will be rejected.

5. The Draw Process

5.1. The race programme will be coordinated from British Rowing, 6 Lower Mall, London W6 9DJ **Tuesday 6th July from 12:00 noon** onwards. No details will be disclosed before **22:00 on Thursday 8th July** when the Provisional Timetable will be published on the website: 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. 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 **12 noon on Tuesday 1st June until 19.00 Thursday 15th July**. 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 of each race will be on the beach, with the Finish on the water.
- 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, 16 July and will be raced over 4km.
- 7.4. The finals will be held on Saturday, 17 July and will be raced over 6km. However, should an event be a straight final this may be run on the Friday over 4km.
- 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 daily Captain's Meeting.

8. Indicative Timetable

(to be confirmed once the draw has taken place)

Friday, 16 July 2021 all times tbc

- 10:00 Course open for training (exact time tbc)
- 11:00 Captain's Meeting (exact time tbc)
- 12:00 Heats begin
 - Heats of CWMas4x+, CO2x
 - Heats of CW4x+, CO1x,
 - Heats of CW2x, COMas4x+
 - Heats of CO4x+,
- 18:00 Course closes

Saturday, 17 July 2021 all times tbc

- 08:00 Course opens for training
- 08:00 Captain's Meeting
- 10:00 Finals begin
 - Finals of of CWMas4x+, CO2x
 - Finals of CW4x+, CO1x,
 - Finals of CW2x, COMas4x+
 - Finals of CMix2x, CW1x
 - Finals of CO4x+,
- 15:30 Prizegiving
- 17:00 Beach Rowing Sprints course opens for training (tbc)
- 18:00 Course closes

General notes about the indicative timetable

8.1. All finals will be on Saturday, unless entry numbers require some to be held on the Friday

8.2. If there are less than 8 entries in number in an event then there will be no heats.

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.

8.4 The Organising Committee may bring forwards races depending upon the weather and number of entries

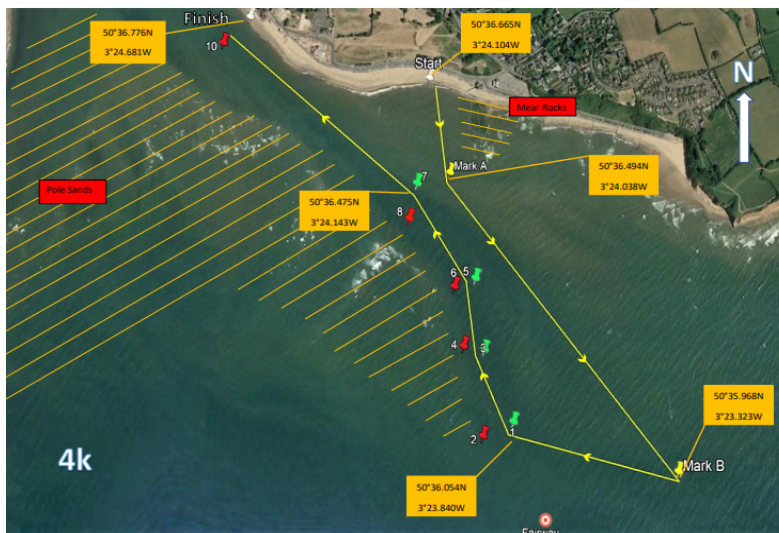
Order of finals

8.5. Finals will be raced in the following order.

CWMas4x+, CO2x, CW4x+, CO1x, CW2x, COMas4x+, CMix2x, CW1x, CO4x+

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

4km Proposed Course Map



6km Proposed Course Map



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. Should the Government introduce any restrictions on travel or competitions taking place, as much of the entry fee as possible will be refunded.

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 disbarred 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 along 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 photographic identification to the event.

10. Photography & Media

10.1. There may be official photographers and videographers at the Championships. Official photographs may be available for sale 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 2021 World Rowing Coastal Championships (WRCC) will be held in Oerias, Portugal 28 September to 3 October

11.2 Crews may enter the WRCC without competing at the British Rowing Offshore Championships.

11.3 Crews wishing to be ranked for the WRCC must compete at the British Rowing Offshore Championships.

11.4 The British Rowing Entry & Ranking Policy will be published at

<https://www.britishrowing.org/events/entering-competitons/wrcc/>

11.5. Information on the WRCC is available at <https://oeirascoastalrowing.com/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 or email antidoping@britishrowing.org

13. Table of Key Dates

Entries Open	15.00 Monday 7th June
Entries Close	15.00 Monday 5th July
Provisional TT Published	22.00 Thursday 8th July
BROE Open for Subs only	09.00 Friday 9th July
Deadline for requests for corrections to the draw	12.00 Monday 12th July
Deadline for substitutions on BROE	19.00 Thursday 15th July
Registration Opens	07.30 Friday 16th July (exact time tbc)

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

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