



BEACH SPRINTS
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2023 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. The British Rowing Beach Sprint event has two boat classes, solo (C1x) and double (C2x)

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

In 2018 British Rowing hosted the first Commonwealth Beach Sprint Regatta, the format of which has been part of the Mediterranean Beach Games and the Asian Beach Games, and will be included in the 2023 World Beach Games (Bali), 2026 Youth Olympic Games (Senegal) and the 2026 Commonwealth Games (Australia). The Beach Sprint format is an important part of World Rowing's future and has been designed to be low cost to run, provide strong event presentation and spectator appeal and allow jeopardy to be part of the competition outcome!

After a successful British Rowing Beach Sprint Championships and World Rowing Beach Sprint Finals held in Saundersfoot in 2022, this year we return to Exmouth for the 2023 British Rowing Beach Sprint Championships.

We look forward to welcoming you there.

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

1. Date and Venue and Application of Rules

- 1.1. The 2023 British Rowing Beach Sprint Championships will be held on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th July at Exmouth Beach, located near to the RNLI on Queens Drive, Exmouth, EX8 2AZ
- 1.2. The Regatta is run in accordance with the British Rowing Regulations, the Rules of Racing (in particular Appendix F2) 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 Junior (J), Open (O) and Women's (W) events are offered at the Championships for the entry fees indicated:

	Junior (J), Open (O), or Women (W)	Junior / Mixed
Solo (C1x)	£35	
Double (CMix2x)	n/a	£70

- 2.2. This year we will also be offering the opportunity for a Mixed Ability Double (CMx Mix Ab 2x). This will be run under British Rowing AR3-PD - Adaptive Rower (Sliding Seat - Physical Disability). Self declaration at the point of entry will be required. Formal classification will not be required but desired. If you have any questions, please contact offshoreentries@britishrowing.org

Prizes

- 2.3. Gold and Silver medals will be given to both finalists in the A Final - gold to the fastest and silver to the second.
- 2.4. Individual bronze medals will be awarded to the winner in the B Final.
- 2.5. 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 any World Rowing federation.
- 3.2. A British Rowing **ROW**, Welsh Rowing, Scottish Rowing or Overseas

membership is required. Any competitor from outside British Rowing requires a British Rowing overseas membership.

- 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.
- 3.4. Overseas crews are expected to have their own liability insurance.
- 3.5. Personal boats are not allowed to be used. The Organising Committee will provide matched boats.
- 3.6. **All competitors must provide their own blades.** The British Rowing Offshore Championships will not be making blades available for hire.
- 3.7. The Order of Finals which will help competitors in deciding which events to enter is provided at Section 8.
- 3.8. Junior events will be in accordance with British Rowings J18 category - rowers must be born on or after 1st September 2004.
- 3.9. All competitors must be over 15 on the 1 September 2022.
- 3.10. All competitors **must provide their own boat handlers**, without whom an entry cannot be accepted.

4. Making Entries

- 4.1. Entries must be made through BROE. Entries will open after 15.00 on Monday 5th June 2023 and must be submitted by 15:00 on Monday 17th July 2023 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 020 8164 2799 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 **Thursday 20th July by 22:00**. 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 Monday 24th 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 coordinated from British Rowing, 6 Lower Mall, London W6 9DJ on **Tuesday 18th July from 12:00 noon** onwards. No details will be disclosed before **22:00 on Thursday 20th 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 **09.00 on Friday 21st July** until **19.00 on Thursday 27th 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.
- 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. All crews will race in time trials to determine the fastest 8 crews. This includes events with fewer than 9 crews.
- 7.3. The time trials will be run in a processional time trial format as used at the British Rowing Beach Sprint Championships 2023 and the World Rowing Beach Sprint Finals 2023. Further information found here:
https://worldrowing-admin.soticcloud.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/2022-WRBSF_Processional-Time-Trial_Regulations-and-Guidance_280922_.pdf
- 7.4. The time trials will be held on Saturday 29th July, with the finals held on Sunday 30th July.
- 7.5. Please note that this timetable may change due to weather conditions.
- 7.6. The quarter finals will be raced as:

Q1: 1st v 5th

Q2: 3rd v 7th

Q3: 2nd v 6th

Q4: 4th v 8th

7.7. The semi-finals race as:

S1: Q1 v Q2

S2: Q3 v Q4

7.8. The finals will be:

FB: loser S1 v loser S2

FA: winner S1 v winner S2

7.9. The lanes and boats will be allocated. There is no selection of either lanes or boats available to the crews.

7.10. Information on the draw and progressions will be announced at the Captain's Meeting.

7.11. All crew members must attend the Captain's Meeting.

8. Indicative Timetable (to be confirmed once the draw has taken place) Saturday 29th July 2023 (*times to be confirmed)

*14:00	Captain's Meeting
*15:00	Time trials Begin
*17:00	Beach Clear

Sunday, 26th June 2022 (*times to be confirmed)

*08:30	Captain's Meeting
*09:00	Side by Side Racing Begins (see below for order)
*16:00	Prizegiving

General notes about the indicative timetable

8.1. The event will follow the following order (time trials and side by side):

- CO1x
- COJ181x
- CW1x
- CWJ181x
- CMx2x
- CMxJ182x
- CMxMixAb2x

- 8.2. The course **is not available for training outside of these hours.**
- 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.

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, entry fees will be refunded.
- 9.3. When it is not possible, for whatever reason, to complete the Championships or an event, the times from the time trials 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 they do 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 a photographic ID card with them.

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 Beach Sprint Finals

11.1. The British Rowing Beach Sprint Championships will be used as a selection/trial event for both the Great Britain & England Beach Sprint Teams.

11.2. International Events include:

- The World Rowing Beach Sprint Finals (WRBSF) held in Barletta, Italy, 29th September – 1st October 2023.

- The European Rowing Coastal Championships (ERCC) held in La Seyne-Sur-Mer, France, 31st August – 3rd September 2023.
- Coupe De la Jeunesse Beach Sprints, Donoratico, Italy, 22nd – 24th September
- The Home International Rowing Beach Sprints (HIRBS) held in Saundersfoot, Wales, 9th September 2023

11.3. The GB Teams for the WRBSF & ERCC will be selected by the Great Britain Rowing Team (GBRT) and England Rowing Team for the HIRBS will be selected by England Rowing.

11.4 Selection criteria is published / will be published as follows:

- GB Teams - <https://www.britishrowing.org/gb-rowing-team/rowing-for-gb/beach-sprints/>
- England Teams - https://www.britishrowing.org/gb-rowing-team/performance-talent/england_hirbs/
- Scottish Rowing - <https://www.scottish-rowing.org.uk/takingpart/perform/rowingforscotland>
- Welsh Rowing - <https://www.welshrowing.com/en/talent-performance/rowing-for-wales>

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 Junior 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



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Entries Open	15.00 Monday 5th June
Entries Close	15.00 Monday 17th July
Provisional TT Published	22.00 Thursday 20th July
BROE Open for Subs only	09.00 Friday 21st July
Deadline for requests for corrections to the draw	12.00 Monday 24th July
Deadline for substitutions on BROE	19.00 Thursday 27th July
Registration Opens	07.30 Friday 28th July (exact time tbc)

* 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.

ENDS

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