

TEES ROWING CLUB

17 May 2016

c/o River Tees Watersports Centre,
The Slipway,
North Shore,
Stockton-on-Tees,
TS18 2NL

Dear Competitor and Supporter,

On behalf of Tees Rowing Club and the Tees Regatta Committee, I would like to extend our thanks for all the support that you are giving to this year's event, especially those travelling a distance. You should receive a copy of the draw and event summary with this letter. They are also available at <http://teesrowingclub.co.uk/index.php/eventpage/club-events/teesregatta> , and other documents will be uploaded shortly.

The entry is very large, and we have had to bring the first race time forward to 8:30. Races are 3 minutes apart, although we have been able to include some gaps and spare slots.

At 5:30 we will have a short break for the Opening Ceremony for the boathouse extension to the River Tees Watersports Centre. It will be officially opened by the Mayor of Stockton on Tees, who will also present the prizes.

We hope you will support the Tees RC Juniors' Raffle and Tombola in the Bar.

Please take a moment to read these notes carefully and ensure your crews are aware of them:-

- Safety Instructions will be available on the web-link given above. Please ensure your members read carefully. In particular familiarise yourself with the circulation pattern. All crews should stop and report to the mid-course marshal by the Infinity Bridge.
- The draw. We have made every effort to find races for the crews that entered, and to time races so that no problems arise from the events and crews that have moved. Please let us know as soon as possible by emailing regatta@teesrowingclub.co.uk or call me on 07970 269575 if the timetable causes any difficulty. Please note that there is limited scope for change and that gaps between divisions are there for a reason. The final version will be uploaded to the website on Thursday evening.
- Scratchings. If you know you are unable to make the event, please let us know ASAP to avoid others from making unnecessary journeys. Please bear in mind that as per our terms of conditions, entry fees are not refundable once the draw is published.
- Substitutions. Please remember that all substitutions including coxes must be made before you race in accordance with the rules of racing, preferably on BROE.
- Car-parking arrangements and directions can be found at <http://teesrowingclub.co.uk/index.php/eventpage/club-events/teesregatta>. There are waiting restrictions on the roads outside the Centre. Disabled parking close to the Centre should be arranged in advance by email.

- The Riverside Promenade remains open to the public for walking and cycling. Please take care when moving boats and leave room when waiting to boat.
- Coxswains: Need to be weighed in at Entries Control, and present weight certificate when boating. Need to have appropriate PFD. Must not wear wellingtons in the boat.
- Control Commission and Boat Identification. Boats may be inspected before they are allowed on the river. Delays to rectify problems may result in a missed race or disqualification. In particular, please check your heel restraints to ensure they are no longer than 7 cm, and that your boat displays the required registration code.
- Boat Numbers: If you lose it, ask for a spare. Please ensure your boat has a bow slot.
- There is a Rowability (Adaptive) race at the start of Division 3 (15:42). For safety, we have to control boating and movement on the river around that time: please observe the instructions of marshals and launches.
- Boating from the steps: Please ensure you boat in good time. The raised boarding has been extended, so wading should no longer be needed. However, please take care if your fin or rudder is deep, and there are steps just under the surface at the ends of the boarding. We strongly advise you not to walk around with bare feet.
- Time-keeping. Please ensure you arrive in plenty of time for your race and that your boat has the correct number. You should be in the start marshalling area at least 5 minutes before your race time.
- Tees Regatta is a busy multi-lane course using stake-boats; please ensure that all crews and coxes are competent to deal with wash from launches, hold position in the marshalling area, back down onto a stake-boat in windy conditions and keep the boat straight. The gap between races does not allow for long to achieve this and excessive delays may result in disqualification. Please clear the finish quickly after your race.
- We are grateful to Canal and River Trust and Stockton Borough Council for clearing the course; but please watch for obstructions elsewhere, especially near the bank.
- Competition's Welfare Officer. Anne-Marie Coulton, the designated Competition Welfare Officer will be on duty at Race Control throughout the event. She can be contacted there directly, by the officials' radios or via myself.
- Security of personal possessions. Please take care of your possessions in and around the Centre and in the car parks: there is open access to the public. There are a limited number of lockers in the changing rooms which need a £1 coin (returnable).
- Hot and cold refreshments will be sold through the day, and the bar opens at 12.
- And finally.... Please give the regatta team as much advance notice as possible of any issues, the sooner we know the sooner we can find a solution.

We look forward to welcoming you to Stockton on Saturday,

Dilwyn P. Jones

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Tees RC & Tees Regatta Secretary