

# TEES ROWING CLUB

16 May 2017

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>.

Again we have a full day's racing programme. There is a longer gap between races, so we hope we can keep the launch wash to a minimum.

We hope you will support the Tees RC Junior section fundraising efforts. Prizes will be presented after racing has finished by the Mayor of Stockton.

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.
- 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](mailto: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 conditions of entry, entry fees are not refundable once entries have closed.
- Please report scratchings on the day to Entries Control when collecting numbers, or to Race Control later in the day.
- Scratchings may result in a final replacing 2 semi-finals, or the progression changing so that the semi-final eliminates one crew. However, there will be no changes if a crew has not scratched but does not appear at the Start (and is given a Did Not Start verdict).
- Substitutions. Please remember that all substitutions including coxes must be made before you race in accordance with the rules of racing, preferably on BROE. Names must be correct so that the new ranking points can be awarded correctly, even to crews not making the final.
- 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: Please ensure your boat has a bow slot. Display the correct number for your race. If you lose it, ask for a spare.
- Boating from the steps: Please report to the steps marshal, and ensure you boat in good time (20 minutes at least). 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.
- Cross the course when directed, then keep clear of the racing lanes. Follow the instructions of the launch marshals. Crews should STOP, report and wait adjacent to the mid-course marshal (near the large white buildings) who will then direct them to the start.
- We are grateful to Canal and River Trust and Stockton Borough Council for clearing the course; but please watch for obstructions near the bank. The boom across the river near the barrage should be replaced before Saturday, but if not additional safety cover will be in place.
- Time-keeping. Please ensure you arrive in plenty of time for your race. 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, and keep the boat straight on the start. The gap between races does not allow for long to achieve this and excessive delays may result in disqualification.
- After the finish, do not stop but paddle round the buoys before turning back to the pontoon.
- Competition's Welfare Officer. Ann-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. There is a new drinks machine serving freshly made coffee, cappuccino, etc.
- 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