

# TEES ROWING CLUB

14 May 2019

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. Again we have a full day's racing programme with most races 3 or more lanes. The draw is available at <http://teesrowingclub.co.uk/index.php/eventpage/club-events/teesregatta> .

- We are trialling an umpire on the Infinity Bridge. Listen for their instructions when racing!
- Winners can collect their prizes through the day, there will be no formal prizegiving.
- The Mayor of Stockton on Tees will be in attendance from 2 till 4.

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. 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 or there are errors. The final version will be uploaded to the website on Thursday evening.
- Scratchings. If you know you are unable to make your event, please let us know ASAP on BROE or by email 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. At the regatta, please report scratchings to Entries Control or Race Control.
- Scratchings and no-shows may result in a final replacing 2 semi-finals, or the progression changing so that each semi-final eliminates at least one crew.
- Substitutions. Please remember that all substitutions including coxes must be made before you race in accordance with the rules of racing, preferably on BROE before Friday evening. Names must be complete and correct so that ranking points can be awarded. On race day, we will enter them directly using BROE at Entries Control.
- 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. Please let us know in advance by email for requirements to park more than one trailer, coaches, and disabled spaces close to the Centre.
- 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 and 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 only 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.
- Crews wishing to warm up on the water should proceed upstream through the Princess of Wales Bridge (no safety cover here). On returning, keep to the SOUTH bank (opposite RTWC) and **stop well in advance of the finish** to check there is no race in progress before proceeding alongside the course.
- **HAZARDS:** Please watch for obstructions near the bank. Do not drift onto the boom across the river close to the barrage. Also, there are large buoys beyond the finish.
- 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; 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. Excessive delays may result in disqualification.
- After the finish, do not stop but paddle round the buoys before turning back to the pontoon.
- **All Winners need to report to Entries Control for photo ID check before they can receive prizes.** Please allow an hour to enable results to be checked. Please bring an adult to vouch for juniors without. ID
- The **Welfare Officer** for the regatta is Louise Henderson who will be available all day at Race Control and contactable via radio from an official, or on mobile 07785 986936. The Regatta Chair is Stephen Heath who can be contacted on his mobile 07713 066626.
- 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 an OLD £1 coin (available for £1 from the manager's office, and returnable).
- Hot and cold refreshments will be sold through the day, and the bar opens at 3. There is a 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