



Silverfir Street, Gorbals, Glasgow, G5 0JZ

Summer Regatta 2015

Saturday, 23rd May

Information for competitors

Please read the following carefully as these instructions will hopefully help us keep to schedule with regards events and maintain the enjoyment for all.

Racing will be in line with the Scottish Rules of Racing as can be found on the Scottish Rowing Website at <http://www.scottish-rowing.org.uk/index.php/competition/rules>

Circulation Pattern

Launching from Glasgow Rowing Club steps, please follow the step marshals instructions. Boats should launch with Bows facing DOWNSTREAM and move away from the steps downstream to keep clear of the finish area.

Once downstream of the boathouse, turn your boat to face upstream and keep close to the NORTH bank of the river (please see map below).

Crews launching from other Clyde club steps, proceed upstream on the NORTH bank of the river as usual.

Passage to the start

Proceed upstream, close to the NORTH bank of the river obeying any marshalling instructions.

Pass through both bridges using the NORTH archway.

At Rutherglen Bridge, you may be asked to wait until a race has passed as the river narrows just after this bridge. Only proceed upstream on instruction of a marshal.

You are expected to be in the staging area above the start line NO LATER THAN 10 minutes BEFORE the start time of your race! All competitors must allow adequate time to get to the start in plenty of time for your race.



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Please assemble in the staging area with your competitor and proceed onto the start together.

All competitors must obey marshalling instructions at all times while on the water.

Racing

Racing will be competed over a distance of approximately 1100 meters starting from around the new smart bridge at the former Cowans Biscuit factory location. A shorter course will be available for J14 events which will be approximately 500 meters starting from the top of the straight immediately upstream from the Glasgow Rowing Club boathouse. An even shorter course of 250 meters for cadet races will be run from below the Polmadie footbridge. Both distances will finish a small distance upstream from the Glasgow Rowing Club boathouse and will be manned by an umpire during all racing.

Prior to the race, you will have been allocated a Bank to race on. Please be aware of which side of the river you will be racing on, use the map below for reference as to North and South banks.

Both crews are to pass race through the centre arch of Rutherglen Bridge while taking care not to clash oars. The South bank crew may choose to pass through Polmadie footbridge using the South arch or the centre arch, the North bank crew **must** pass through the center arch.

There are lane separator buoys, one above the 500m start and one above the finish line. Crews on the North bank must pass these on the north side and crews on the South bank must pass these on the south side.

Competitors risk penalty or disqualification for taking unfair advantage or encroaching on the opposition's position including passing the wrong side of a buoy.

Above all else, the umpire's decision is final.



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Safety

Safety buoys are positioned on the course above the parapets of the Polmadie footbridge, these are to indicate the position of the parapets and care must be taken to avoid these.

Launches and oared boats will be on the river at key points, as indicated on the map, to assist should there be need. These boats will keep out of the line of racing however the one positioned above Polmadie footbridge is close to the racing course for a crew choosing to pass through the South arch of Polmadie footbridge. Please take care approaching this area.

If an incident should occur requiring assistance, please notify the umpires who will contact Regatta Control and get assistance.

Registration

All competitors should report to regatta control at least 1hr before the start of your race. A club representative MUST advise of any scratchings. Failure to register 1hr before the race start time will result in you not being allowed to start.

Viewing and supporting

Polmadie footbridge will be closed for the duration of the event. An alternative route to the North side of the river from Glasgow Rowing Club boathouse will be via either King's Bridge (downstream) or Rutherglen Bridge (upstream). Please be sure to use these bridges as Polmadie footbridge has been deemed unsafe for pedestrians and restoration works will be commencing shortly.



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