

Bridgnorth Regatta 2025



Please ensure that all of your competitors have read the attached or are made aware of it.

Firstly, we would like to thank you for your kind support of our event this year. Rest assured that we have, where possible, attempted to accommodate everyone who entered. We hope to guarantee a fantastic day's racing for all our competitors.

How it will run.

This year the event is run in a Round-Robin format as previous years (outlined below). We will again be using the Easy Regatta software to run our regatta, please ensure all crews read and understand the below.

The most important point is that competitors are at boat marshaling at least 30 minutes before the first race in their event. In view of the tight schedule any crews that are late risk disqualification.

Please note that the system which generates the draw which has been distributed actually shows the last race of each event first (and the first race last), so please ensure you read this fully to know the important time of your first race.

The events will be run in one of the three formats outlines below:

Format A: In smaller events (up to 4 crews), each crew will race all other crews in a full round robin format. Each crew will race at least once on each side of the river. For events with only two crews they will race each other twice, once on each side of the river.

Format B: In larger events (5-8 crews), the event will be divided into two groups. Crews in each group will race each other, as in format A. The winners of each group will face each other in a final to decide the overall event winner. Only the overall event winner will receive a pot.

Format C: In really large events (9 or more crews) we will split the event in half and award pots to the winner of each half. Each event half will run in either format A or B, depending on the number of crews.

The winners of each Format A event, or groups in Format B will be decided upon via a points system, as follows:

- **Dead Heat, or win by Not Rowed Out = 1 point (1 point each for a Dead Heat)**
- **Win by up to 2 lengths = 2 points**
- **Win by more than 2 lengths = 3 points**

If after all the races in an event/group two, or more, crews are level on points then the head-to-head between those crews will be examined, with the crew with the better result being declared the winner. If crews still cannot be separated by head-to-head results, then the umpire's results will be examined to see if one crew has clearly won races by a greater margin. Finally, if a winner can still not be decided following that, then an additional race may be run to decide the winner, or both crews declared the winners at the discretion of the organising committee.

Again, we would like to thank you for your kind support, and hope that you all have an enjoyable day.

Regards,

Bridgnorth Rowing Club

Instructions to Competitors

The Regatta is being run in accordance with British Rowing's Rules of Racing and inline with British Rowing's Row Safe Guide.

1. Competitors must report to Registration on arrival, at least 1 hour before their first race. Spot checks may be performed to verify crew composition against entry forms and racing licenses; all substitutions must be notified. Please ensure that the correct number, (and only one number) is on the back of bow person, and that they are clearly visible. Empacher numbers will also be provided to be placed on the bows of each crew. Please ensure these are returned to our landing stage crew once you have completed racing.
2. Competitors must report to the boat marshalling area **at least thirty minutes before the first race in their event.** No doubling up of boats, crews, coxes or equipment is allowed within divisions. Crews must ensure their boats and equipment comply with British Rowing Rules of Racing and Row Safe Guide. Crews will not be permitted to proceed to the boating steps until their boat has been approved by the Control Commission Umpire, they are paired off with their opponents and have been given permission to progress from the marshals.
3. All coxes must be weighed before racing and given a weight certificate, which must be always carried. All weighing in will be done at the boat marshalling area. Coxes are requested to bring their own dead weights if required, which must comply with British Rowing's Rules of Racing. Checks may be made throughout the day.
4. Crews will only push off from the landing stage when **authorised** by the landing stage marshals. Crews must then immediately cross the river, ensuring that they do not impede racing crews. Crews will then proceed to the start close to the Town side of the bank, i.e. opposite the landing stage. **Crews going upstream must not stop in the 'no stopping zone' highlighted on the course map, this is to ensure the safety of all competitors.** Racing crews are reminded not to stray towards the landing stage area when approaching the finish.
5. Practicing on the way up to the start is **not** allowed, and if you do so you may incur an official warning or disqualification. Any crew which impedes a racing crew may be disqualified.
6. Crews must not proceed more than 300 meters above the start. This is a safety requirement as there is no safety cover beyond this point.
7. The **first-named crew** will race on the **Town Side** of the course, i.e. the side opposite the Regatta enclosure.
8. As per Rules of Racing rule 7-3-1c 'Two Minutes' will be omitted from the start procedure. The standard start procedure will follow as given in 7-3-4c when all other conditions for racing are met.
9. Coaches and spectators must not use bikes to follow racing for safety reasons. No aided coaching (via use of megaphones, radios, etc.) from the bank is allowed at any time.
10. See the 'How it will run' section above for how event winners will be decided.
11. Trophies may be collected after each division has been concluded, and winners have been verified.
12. The regatta committee reserves the right to make such alterations to the program as may be considered necessary.
13. Competitors must comply with all instructions issued by umpires, marshals or safety officials, and treat all officials with respect. Any abusive language, gestures or behaviour will not be tolerated. Failure to comply with any of this may result in an official warning or automatic disqualification.

All crews are asked to study the map of the course.

Attention is drawn to an area of slack water located in the vicinity of umpire 2. Crews straying off their course may suffer a disadvantage.

**Severn Park car parking charges will apply to all vehicles.
The regatta committee will accept no responsibility for any car parking fines.
Tickets can be purchased using the MiPermit App.**

Emergency Instructions for Crews and Officials

All coaches, coxes, steers and crew members please read this carefully.

This event is being run in accordance with British Rowing's Rules of Racing and inline with British Rowing's Row Safe Guide. It is the responsibility of each club and its members to ensure that the boats and equipment that they use for racing are safe. All coxswains must wear an approved life jacket or buoyancy aid. Coxswains in front loading boats must wear a life jacket which will not inflate or provide buoyancy until the wearer is clear of the boat. Please ensure you are suitably dressed for the prevailing weather and river conditions.

Coaches, please ensure that your crews are competent to race in the conditions on the day i.e. can cope with the weather, water and racing conditions. Be aware that with the nature of the event it may involve crews being held on the water for a long period of time; please ensure your crews are competent to cope with such circumstances.

During the race the whole course and marshalling areas will be in sight of one or more of several race marshals and umpires, who are in radio communication with the Safety Adviser and Safety Boats. Should you be unfortunate enough to fall in remember that your boat will float even when it capsizes, so hold onto and stay with it until the Safety Boat arrives.

All competitors must comply with instructions and requests of race marshals and umpires. Failure to do so may lead to crews being issued with an official warning or disqualification.

First aid is located in the vicinity of race control situated close to the club car park, contact via race control, or any on duty marshals or umpires.

The safety launches are stationed near either end of the course and can reach any point on the course in less than one minute, contact via race control.

A telephone will be located at Race Control.

The Event Rowing Safety Adviser is Martin Evans (safety@rowatbridgnorth.co.uk)

In the event of suspending or cancelling the event due to safety concerns, including, but not limited to, inclement weather conditions, dangerous river conditions or accidents on or off the water, competitors will be notified by means of the public address system and members of the regatta committee visiting clubs in the trailer park. Umpires will notify those crews already on the water.

If the safety launch is called to an incident, umpires must stop all races that the launch will have to pass and warn crews rowing up to the start that the launch is on its way.

Emergency Contacts

Emergency Services

Tel. **112 or 999**

Bridgnorth Police Station

Wenlock Road
Bridgnorth
Shropshire
WV16 5BD

Tel. **101 5309**

Bridgnorth Hospital

Northgate
Bridgnorth
Shropshire
WV16 4EU

Tel. **01746 762 641**

Princess Royal Hospital (Telford)

The Princess Royal Hospital
Apley Castle
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Telford
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TF1 6TF

Tel. **01952 641 222**