



Bridgnorth Fun Regatta 2025

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

Dear Competitors,

Thank you for participating in the Bridgnorth Rowing Club's Fun Regatta 2025 - your support is much appreciated. We hope to provide you all with a fantastic days racing!

The draw and race times for this year's event will be published on our website (www.rowatbridgnorth.co.uk) on Wednesday 3rd September, and will also be sent out to each crew. Please keep an eye out for this, as it will provide information about your race times.

The racing will run between approximately **10:30am and 2:45pm**. The club will be open from **9:30am** for crews to come and register and collect their race numbers. Each crew will need to arrive and register at least 45 minutes before their first race.

In addition to the racing, we will be offering some off-the water competition including a rowing machine challenge to see who can row the fastest over 500m. We will be serving hot and cold food all day starting with pre-race breakfasts, followed by a BBQ. Our club bar will be open all day serving a good range of alcoholic and non-alcoholic refreshments.

After racing has finished there will be a presentation ceremony at **3:15pm** in the club bar, so regardless of whether or not you are a winner please stay to congratulate those who are.

Finally, please bring along as many supporters as you can to help cheer your crew on. Family, friends and colleagues are all welcome...make your crew the one with the loudest cheer!

In the meantime, all competitors should make themselves familiar with the instructions below:

Events

During the course of the race day we will be running separate events for the Men's, Women's and Mixed crews, culminating in the Grand Final.

Men's Event:

The crews in this event will race in a round robin format taking it in turns to race against each other. The crew with the most wins will be declared the winner of the Men's event, and also progress to the Grand Final.

In the event of there being a tie in the number of wins the head to head between those crews will be examined, and then if needed the winning margins to determine the winner.

Women's Event:

The crews in this event will race in a round robin format taking it in turns to race against each other. The crew with the most wins will be declared the winner of the Women's event, and also progress to the Grand Final.

In the event of there being a tie in the number of wins the head to head between those crews will be examined, and then if needed the winning margins to determine the winner.

Mixed Event:

Crews in this event will be split into two groups – these two groups will compete in a round robin format taking it in turns to race against each other. The crew with the most wins in each group will race in a final to decide who takes home the prizes and is the overall winner of the Mixed Event. The overall winner will then also progress to the Grand Final.

In the event of there being a tie in the number of wins the head to head between those crews will be examined, and then if needed the winning margins to determine the winner.

The Grand Final:

Winners of the individual Men's, Women's and Mixed events will be awarded with prizes (specially commissioned tankards). However, there will also be a round of final races as a thrilling climax to the day, to decide who will be crowned overall champions for the day and lift the winners trophy!

Please note that in order to keep to our race schedule it is essential that crews are ready to race at the times shown.

Thank you again for your support and we hope that you all have an enjoyable day.

Good luck from all at Bridgnorth Rowing Club!

Instructions to Competitors

Bridgnorth Fun Regatta is run in accordance with British Rowing's Rules of Racing and British Rowing's Row Safe Guide.

1. The competition will take place over a course of approximately 500m.
2. All coxes will be provided by Bridgnorth Rowing Club.
NB. You will not be guaranteed your coach to cox your crew on race day as all coxes will be assigned randomly. However, all coxes supplied will be aiming to push you all the way to victory!
3. Crews must report to Race Control on arrival (at least 45 minutes before your first race time), situated on the club balcony, to collect race numbers. The numbers are to be worn on the back of the rower in the bow seat and are to be clearly visible.
4. Competitors will be called to a holding area about 30 minutes before their race time, indicated within the draw. These race times are the time when the crew needs to be on the start and ready to race; so it is essential that you are ready 30 minutes before to give you adequate time to reach the start.
Once a crew is required to make their way onto the landing stage for boating they will be called by the marshals. If a crew is not ready in time or can not be found at the time required for boating then they risk being disqualified.
5. The **first named crew** in the draw will race on the **high town side** of the course, i.e. the side opposite the Rowing Club.
6. The Landing Stage area will be out of bounds during the day to people other than Fun Regatta marshals and competitors who have been called down for racing. This is to ensure the safety of everyone during the day. Competitors and spectators will be free to sit and watch from the landing stage steps.
7. On the day the rowing club car park will not be in use. Any competitors wishing to park will be able to use the public car parks on the Severn Park. Severn Park is a Pay and Display car park, and the regatta committee will accept no responsibility for any car parking fines incurred.
8. Trophies will be presented to the event winners in the presentation ceremony, held at around 3pm upstairs in the rowing club bar.
9. Competitors must comply with all instructions issued by umpires, marshals or safety officials positioned along the course, and treat all officials with respect.
10. The regatta committee reserve the right to make such alterations to the program and course as may be considered necessary. All decisions made by the regatta committee shall be final.