



Durham City Regatta Pathfinder Regatta

This event is experimental and designed to inform British Rowing as to the viability of different types of rowing competition. We very much hope that it provides a day of enjoyable but close competition with a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

1.0 Time Trial

1. Due to the size and make up of the entry, all crews from all of the published divisions will be trialled together, this is one of the reasons we requested crews did not double up. This will provide more competition for crews and we hope the time trial will populate a draw producing close competition.
2. The time trial will be run downstream over the 700m regatta course starting at 10am.
3. Any crews not boating from Durham ARC should be above the start line by 9.45am.
4. Crews boating from Durham ARC will be boated in order and marshalled as normal along the Pelaw side of the river.
5. Crews numbered 51 to 70 should be in their marshalling positions by 9.50am.
6. All crews will time trial down the Pelaw Wood racing station.
7. Once through the finish crews should continue downstream through Elvet Bridge at light pressure and remain below Elvet until the launch has given the all clear to return upstream.
8. Crews should row at race pace during the time trial with the aim of qualifying in the highest position possible. To encourage crews to do this there will be an extra prize for the club with the highest average finish in the time trial.
9. Times will not be released between the time trial and side by side racing so crews do not know how quick their opposition was over the time trial. Times **will** be released at the presentation and timing spot checks will be done on race times during the day to ensure consistency from the time trial.

2.0 Pathfinder Racing Draw

1. The draw will be populated from the time trial results with the fastest 8 crews going in to group A, crews 9 to 16 into group B, etc. Crews will only be told which group they qualified for, not what time they achieved – although times will be released at the end of the day.
2. The draw will be published as soon as possible at Durham ARC and on the Durham ARC website.
3. Races will be aligned by the bow to provide a fair racing distance for crews racing against a different boat type.

4. Racing will commence at 11.30am and from that point will follow our standard competitors instructions below and follow the British Rowing Rules of Racing and Row Safe Guidance (although wins will not be qualifying for points).

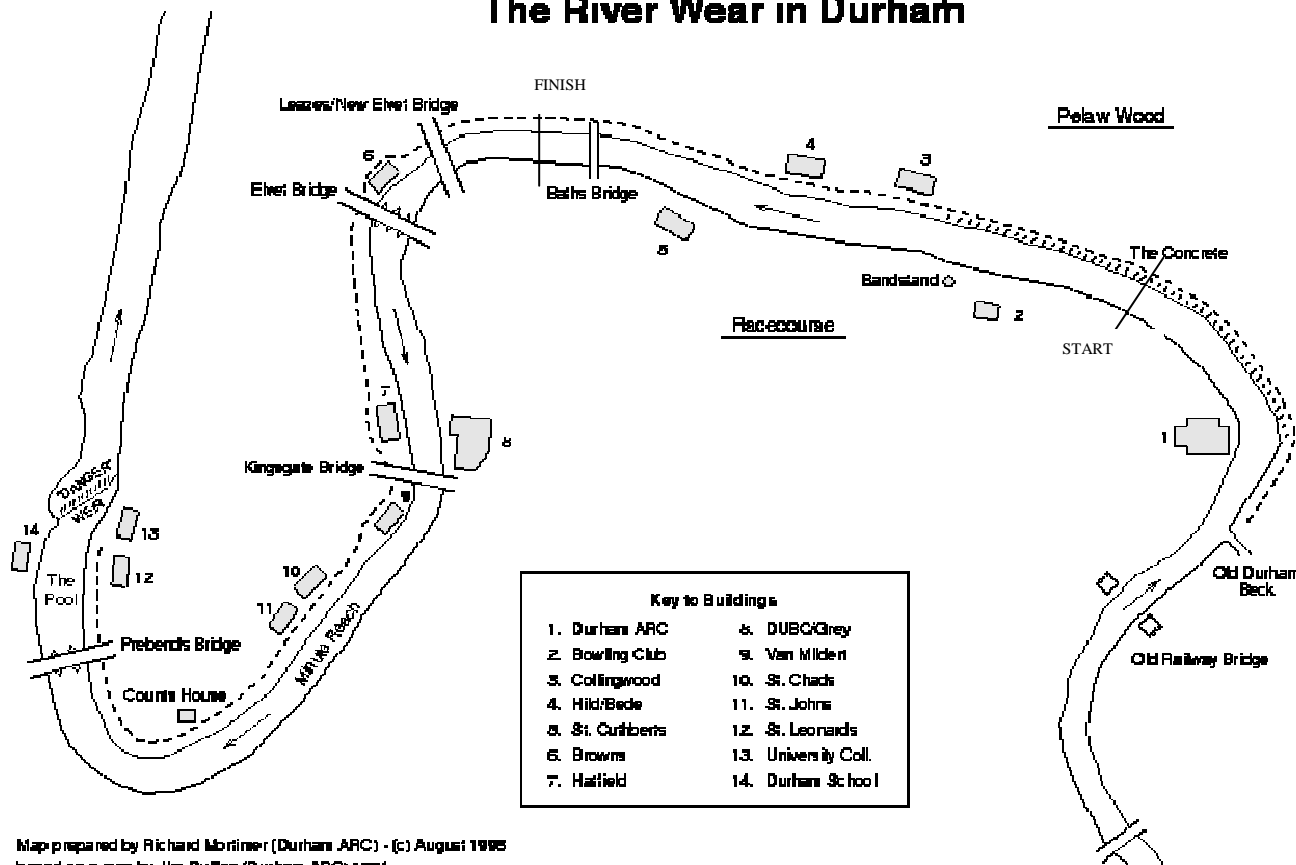
3.0 Durham City Regatta Competitors Instructions

It is the competing clubs' responsibility to ensure all of its crews and Scullers abide by the British Rowing Row Safe guidelines, British Rules of Racing and the specific local rules as presented in the Competitors Instructions. Specifically:

1. All equipment is safe and secure. Bow balls, heel restraints, boat buoyancy and all other safety measures as outlined in the British Rowing Row Safe guidelines must be in place. Random boat checks may be conducted throughout the event. Boat ID numbers must be in place.
2. All competitors must be suitably dressed for marshalling at the start and finish and may not be allowed to boat if the marshals judge they are inappropriately dressed.
3. Coxswains should be adequately dressed for the prevalent weather conditions and any possible changes. All coxswains must wear an approved PFD (Lifejacket or Buoyancy Aid) on top of other garments.
In 'front loader' boats **only** manually operated lifejackets can be worn (Row Safe 2.1)
4. Inexperienced crews must have an experienced coxswain.
5. Competitors are aware of the safety rules and competitors instructions and have been instructed in a capsizing drill.
6. Any competitor found by Umpires, marshals, launch crew or other officials without safety equipment will be returned to the nearest landing stage immediately and will be subject to possible disqualification as per the disciplinary procedures as outlined in the British Rowing Rules of Racing.
7. Competitors are responsible for proceeding safely, especially to the start and finish of their race. Competitors proceeding to the start or to their boat house must do so in single file, on the starboard side of the river. Competitors may only cross the racing course on instruction of local marshals/umpires. Competitors must wait below the Bandstand for permission from the Umpire to row past the start. This must be done quickly, with ALL crew members rowing, although race pace rowing at any time apart from during racing is NOT allowed. NO practice starts etc can be carried out in the start marshalling area.
8. The start marshals will ensure that crews are assembled well above the start and arrange competitors in safe positions. All crews should assist the start marshals by arriving to the marshalling area with their opposition (if practicable) and by displaying their racing number on bow of the crew. Crews should pass upstream of DARC Landing to register with the lead marshal platform.
9. Competitors are responsible for bringing to the attention of umpires, marshals, launch crew or other officials, any incident occurring during the event.
10. Competitors should stop and give assistance to any crew or competitor that is in danger in the water if a launch is not present.
11. Coxes should weigh in at the control marquee behind Durham ARC boathouse.

12. Random checks of competitors racing licences will be carried out throughout the event and it is the competitors responsibility that s/he can provide evidence of his/her eligibility to race. Spot checks will be made on coxes weights. All prize winning crews MUST present their racing licence prior to the prize giving in order to receive their prize.
13. Boating. Boat when called for by the landing stage official. All competitors are reminded that they must be ready to race at least two minutes before their scheduled race time, in accordance with the British Rowing rules of racing.
14. Course and Obstacles. Figures 1 and 2 show maps of the course. Ensure you and your crew are familiar with the course. Ensure your coxswain/steersperson is familiar with the course. Competitors are responsible for their own steering, any outside assistance in steering may result in the competitor being disqualified. See the British Rowing Rules of Racing for more detail.
15. Conduct of the Race. The use of foul or abusive language to competitors and officials will be penalised. Competitors are reminded of the British Rowing Rules of Racing relating to dress code.
16. In accordance with the British Rowing Rules of Racing, all crews must obey instructions of Umpires, marshals and safety launch crew. Launches have priority on the river at all times and competitors must note that they may have to travel to incidents with haste, but all effort will be made to prevent impeding racing crews. Racing may be stopped at any point due to an incident.
17. Prize giving. **There will** be a prize giving at the end of racing on the Sunday and this will take place as soon as possible after the last race next to the control marquee behind Durham ARC.

The River Wear in Durham



Map prepared by Richard Mortimer (Durham ARC) - (c) August 1995
 based on a map by Jim Dullin (Durham ARC) 1994.

Figure 1: Map of the Wear

Umpires located at:

- The start
- Opposite Collingwood landing
- Between Hild Bede and St Cuthbert's landing
- The finish

Marshals located at:

- City boathouse
- Above the start
- Below the finish

Regatta Control is located at City Boathouse.

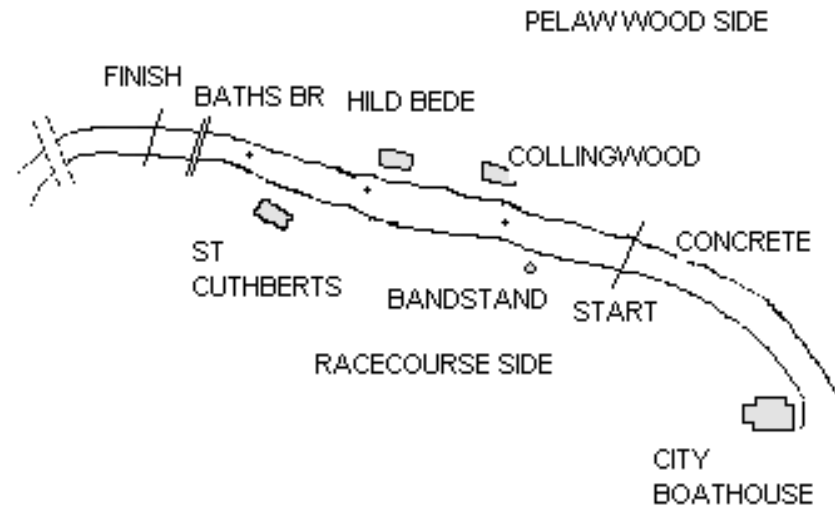


Figure 2: Racing Course Plan

- First named crew takes the Racecourse station
- Crews returning upstream must do so in the access lane (between the Racecourse racing lane and the bank)
- Crews must wait below Baths Bridge for permission to travel above St Cuthbert's landing stage
- Crews must wait downstream of the bandstand for the Umpire opposite Collingwood landing stage to give permission to travel above the start.

Crews must move through these two narrowest parts of the river as quickly as possible rowing with ALL crew members, however racing pace is not permitted.

3.1 Cycling

Durham ARC remind competitors, spectators and officials that cycling is not permitted AT ANY TIME on the Racecourse side of the River. Cycling on the bank above Brown's Boathouse (Chase) can only be on the Pelaw Wood side cycle path and crews must not be followed by cyclists whilst racing. Durham ARC Regatta Committee accept no liability for any competitors, spectators or members of the public injured as a result of a cycling.

Please note the cycle path on Pelaw wood side is currently closed due to a landslip between Collingwood Boathouse and opposite DARC landing.

3.2 Club Contact

All competing clubs must provide Race Control with a contact number for use during the event in case of an incident involving their club.

3.3 Car Parking

No cars are to be parked in the Durham ARC car park. This area is for boat trailers only.

3.4 Contact Details and Officials

Race Control:

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| Deborah Newcombe | Regatta Sec. | 0787 6033500 |
| Richard Castling | Club Captain | 07870973967 |
| Boathouse | Regatta Control | 0191 3866431 |
| Paul Sowerby | Safety Advisor/Safety Boats | 07985899215 |

Race Committee:

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| Mark Bell | Chair of the Race Committee | 07787 110680 |
| Charly Curtis | Deputy Chair of the race committee | |

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| Durham Police | 101 |
| University Hospital of North Durham | 0191 333 2333 |
| Ambulance/Fire/Emergency | 999 or 112 |
| Prince Bishop Shopping Centre | 0191 3750416 |
| (for Emergency access only to Brown's Boathouse (Chase)) | |
| Prince Bishop River Cruiser | 0191 386 9525 07764767928 |