



Tyne Amateur Rowing Club



Rutherford Head of the River (2021 in 2022)

Saturday 12 February 2022

Scotswood to Newburn over 4500 m

Division 1 - 10:30 (LT 07:05 2.10m)	Division 2 - 14:15 (HT 13:15 4.03m)
Open: Senior 8+, J18 8+ Women Masters: 8+ Women Uni/College Alumni: 8+	Women: Senior 8+, J18 8+ Open Masters: 8+ Open Uni/College Alumni: 8+
Open Masters: 4x-, 4-, 4+ Women: Senior 4x-, J18 4x-, J16 4x- Senior 4-, Senior 4+ J18 4+, J16 4+	Women Masters: 4x-, 4-, 4+ Open: Senior 4x-, J18 4x-, J16 4x- Senior 4-, Senior 4+ J18 4+, J16 4+

- Clubs entering crews, especially for coxless fours and quads, must be confident of their experience and their ability to row and steer in a competitive race in possibly challenging conditions – not ‘novice’. Clubs may be asked to comment on the experience/ability of very low pointed crews. Crews with placeholders after formal close of entries may be rejected if we are oversubscribed.
- Crews in Senior/Junior events may be banded based on CRIs if numbers allow. Clubs are required to tell us on BROE if crews are under-pointed & should row in a higher band than the CRI suggests.
- Crews in Masters events may be raced in amalgamated age groups. Should it be in the interests of providing competitive races between crews of similar ability banding may be used across combined age groups. Standard British Rowing handicaps will always be used, with or without banding.
- Alumni eights will be raced on standard BR handicaps with crews under 27 average age taken as MasA for this purpose. The events will be classed as Senior on BROE to allow under 27s to be entered on BROE. Details of alumni status of crew members may be requested.
- Pennants will be awarded to the fastest Open and Women's Durham College crews in 8+ & 4+ and to fastest crews in various boats types if not an event winner (at the organisers' discretion).
- Held under British Rowing Rules of Racing and RowSafe guidance; please see forthcoming *Instructions to Clubs and Crews* for local rules.

Entries open at 6.30pm on Mon 17 Jan 22 and close formally at 12 noon on Thu 3 Feb 22.

Entries and payments online on BROE only. Limit of 140 per division rowing.

Race fee payable once entry accepted through BROE & no later than formal close of entries.

Race fee per seat: £12 all ages and categories, coxes free.

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NOTES

LIMIT ON NUMBER OF BOATS: The maximum number of boats per division for safety reasons will be 140. This limit will be enforced even if more than 140 entries have been made on BROE before any suspension. If needed, we will suspend entries early at about 150 per division, as we usually get withdrawals. As this is not the 'normal' Rutherford Head we do not expect early suspension in either division and a rush to get entries in *very* early should not be needed, but equally do not leave it till the last minute, just in case we do fill up.

PUBLICATION OF THE START ORDER: The start order will be published no later than Monday 7 February 2022. If possible this will include boating locations.

ENTRY FEES: Fees should be paid on acceptance by Tyne ARC of entries via BROE and absolutely no later than formal close of entries. No pay, no race! Full refunds will be made to any crew withdrawn before this time. Any refund in the case of scratching after formal close of entries is solely at the discretion of Tyne ARC. In the event of partial/total cancellation due to weather or other circumstances beyond its control, Tyne ARC will make a refund, but retain a proportion of race fees so as to cover its unavoidable costs.

NUMBERS AND WEIGHING OF COXES : Plastic Empacher slot bow numbers will be issued at each club's boating location. Boats should be equipped with the appropriate fixture. Please return the plastic numbers afterwards. Those not doing so will be named! There will also be paper numbers for rowers at bow. The weight of coxes will be self-certified with spot checks on the day.

PRIZES, BANDING & UPGRADING: There will be prizes in events (including Masters combined age groups) with three or more entries in the final draw and at least two starting. We reserve the right to say that Junior crews will 'row up' or, for Masters, to row in a combined age group (handicaps will apply) so as to meet the minimum of three; we may reject crews not having at least two opponents (but we will seek a solution). Prizes to be collected; no presentation.

WEATHER CONDITIONS: When making entries clubs must satisfy themselves that all crews, but especially juniors and relative beginners, will be capable of coping with conditions that might be expected in November on a large tidal river. On the day all crews members must take with them clothing suitable not only for rowing but also for waiting for some time at the start. Marshals may require crews to return to the steps at any time after boating if it appears that they are not capable of managing the conditions or do not have adequate clothing.

RACE SCHEDULE: Owing to the tidal conditions and limited light at the end of the day, we must stick to the published boating and start times if at all possible. Boating schedules will be issued with the start order and will be strictly enforced. Crews not ready to boat at the scheduled time may receive a time penalty or be prevented from rowing.

ALTERATIONS: Tyne ARC reserves the right to make any alterations to these arrangements and instructions which it deems necessary for the safe and efficient running of the event.



Enquiries to entries@tynearc.com
or on 07985 003304 if urgent

Documents and updates will be posted at
www.tynerowingclub.org/pages/rutherford_head_21_in_22_274624.cfm