



TYNE REGATTA - 2 AUGUST 2025
ADVICE AND INSTRUCTIONS TO CLUBS AND CREWS
DIV 1 - 10:00 and DIV 2 - 12:30 approx DIV 3 * - 14:30 approx

* See the footnote at the end of the document about the status of Division 3.

General information

Competitors' race numbers, boating locations and race start times will be shown on the draw to be issued on Tuesday 29 July. See the competition web page for this and other information at www.tynerowingclub.org/pages/tyne_regatta_274001.cfm.

For competitors on arrival

When you arrive on site there will be marshals on hand to facilitate trailer parking. Trailers will be based at Tyne Amateur Rowing Club (TARC) and possibly Tyne United Rowing Club (TURC) – see the draw in due course. Cars carrying singles can park at their host club. Race Control and activities such as weighing of coxes and awarding of prizes will be at TARC. One person should collect all of a club's plastic bow and paper numbers in good time from Race Control at TARC.

We have steps and there may be mud on them or on land! **Some form of footwear you don't mind getting wet is a requirement for boating and Wellington boots are advised.** No flip flops! Ensure you have adequate clothing with you in the boat. It is the responsibility of coaches to ensure that junior rowers have sufficient warm/waterproof clothing.

Boating and getting to the start

Clubs/crews are responsible for the condition of their own boats/equipment. Crews should be prepared to demonstrate to Control Commission umpires or helpers that the key safety features (bow ball, buoyancy compartments, heel straps etc) are in place and effective.

Marshals will remind competitors to begin boating. You must be ready to boat 30 minutes before your race time and *be on the water* no later than 20 minutes before the race time. Get into your boat as quickly as possible; adjusting your feet etc once you have pushed off from the landing. You will be expected to take wellies or other footwear with you unless taken by a helper. Move away from the landing promptly so as not to obstruct others behind. Boat at the same time as your opposition.

You are responsible for making your own way on the water down to the start, about 600 metres downstream of the steps (i.e. going east, through the bridge). The separate *Boat Circulation Plan* shows how crews should reach the start, then race and finally land. Crews will proceed to the start near to the north bank and it will be vital that crews stay relatively close (but not too close) to the bank and out of the racing line when a race is on. Launch marshalls will assist.

You must be in the start marshalling area with your opposition 10 minutes before your race start time. Rowers should assemble as shown on the Boat Circulation Plan. The start launch marshal will ask you to move towards the start in order with your competition. It will be a free start, i.e. no stake boats. The starter will be on the south bank, conspicuous in a high viz jacket.

Racing, finish and landing – and see local rule

The course is not buoyed and crews are asked to keep to their station and remain relatively central in the river but 'on station', north or south. Racing crews must note that **the course is straight** and you must maintain your station after passing though Newburn Bridge moving towards the finish. Failure to do so may result in a penalty if the other crew is impeded.

LOCAL RULE: In races the crew starting nearest the north bank **MUST** use the north centre arch of Newburn Bridge and the crew starting nearest the south bank **MUST** use the south centre arch of Newburn Bridge. This is as shown on the boat Circulation Plan document published alongside these instructions. A crew using the wrong arch may be disqualified.

At the finish you must continue rowing well past the line as other races may be coming up behind you. When returning to the steps, rowers must obey the instructions of the launch and land marshals. Crews must return to their boating location as per the boat *Circulation Plan*, and must avoid the racing line when doing so. The finish marshal will advise as necessary. Marshals nearer the steps may ask you to wait on the water in single file and tucked in to the bank while the steps are cleared of other crews. Please follow these instructions closely.

Water Safety

Water Safety will be provided by dedicated TARC safety and marshalling launches and umpiring launches will be able to assist in addition should this be needed.

If you are involved in an incident, stay with your boat until help arrives. Do not attempt to swim to the bank without your boat. In the event of an incident, a launch will attend.

Results and prizes

The results of each race and event winners will be recorded at the finish gazebo, located at the west end of the TARC site overlooking the river. Results will also be published online as soon as possible after each race on X (formerly Twitter) @Tyne_Rowing and on the competition web page.

Prizes may be collected from the finish gazebo after your final. Any not collected by the end of the day will be forwarded on. There will not be a presentation ceremony.

Spectators and public rights of way

There are public rights of way in front of both clubhouses and the clubs have no control over who uses these. Conflict between rowers and walkers/cyclists is rare, but land marshalls and volunteer helpers will monitor use of the rights of way and act if problems arise. Competing crews and any helpers should avoid obstructing the public rights way as far as possible and be courteous to other users.

Toilets, changing & shower facilities

Toilets, changing rooms and showers will be available at TARC and TURC for all competitors, officials and supporters.

First aid

Our first aid provider will be located at TARC.

Welfare

If you have any concerns regarding the welfare of an athlete/spectator please report this immediately to the Welfare Officer via Race Control at TARC. For further information regarding the club's welfare policies please read the Welfare Plan for the competition on the web page (link below).

Parking

Trailer parking at TARC will be available from 07:00 onwards. Towing vehicles and scullers with singles on their cars may park there also, as can race officials.

Competitors please park sensibly on the public highway, but see the next paragraph and the separate parking advice document. Free parking is available at a public car park further along Grange Road from Tyne ARC opposite (but not at) Newburn Activity Centre.

The Highway Authority for TARC asks that **NO** competitor or supporter vehicles are parked on Grange Road (behind TARC) or in the residential streets in Newburn. Vehicles must not be parked in an obstructive manner on road, footpath or verges and all signed restrictions must be observed. Consideration must be made with regards to access for others on roads and footpaths when parking.

Catering

There will be hot and cold food and drinks available at TARC from about 8.00am until the end of racing. The bar at TARC will be open from 11.00am.

Documents and updates will be posted at:

www.tynerowingclub.org/pages/tyne_regatta_274001.cfm

Enquiries should be made to the Entries Secretary at events@tynearc.com

We look forward to welcoming you to the Tyne

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** Please note Division 3 is not part of the formal regatta and does not appear on BROE. It is labelled TARC Captain's Regatta on the poster and will involve scratch crews in eights and stable quads. It is aimed primarily at TARC members but others are welcome to participate. No points! Email the Entries Secretary as above if interested.*