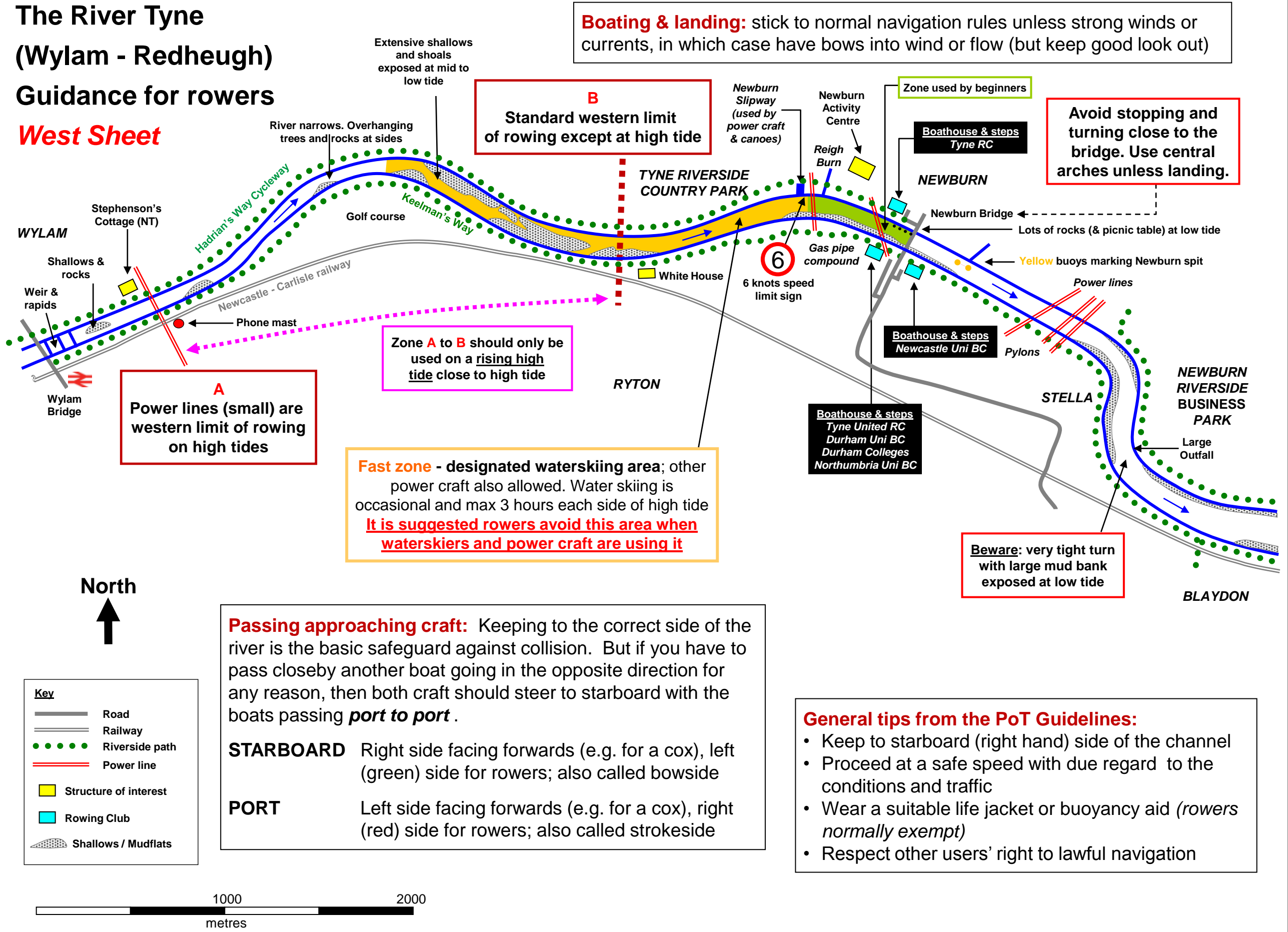


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West Sheet



Boating & landing: stick to normal navigation rules unless strong winds or currents, in which case have bows into wind or flow (but keep good look out)

B
Standard western limit of rowing except at high tide

Avoid stopping and turning close to the bridge. Use central arches unless landing.

A
Power lines (small) are western limit of rowing on high tides

Zone A to B should only be used on a rising high tide close to high tide

Fast zone - designated waterskiing area; other power craft also allowed. Water skiing is occasional and max 3 hours each side of high tide
It is suggested rowers avoid this area when waterskiers and power craft are using it

Beware: very tight turn with large mud bank exposed at low tide

Passing approaching craft: Keeping to the correct side of the river is the basic safeguard against collision. But if you have to pass closeby another boat going in the opposite direction for any reason, then both craft should steer to starboard with the boats passing *port to port*.

STARBOARD Right side facing forwards (e.g. for a cox), left (green) side for rowers; also called bowside

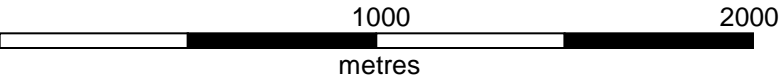
PORT Left side facing forwards (e.g. for a cox), right (red) side for rowers; also called strokeside

General tips from the PoT Guidelines:

- Keep to starboard (right hand) side of the channel
- Proceed at a safe speed with due regard to the conditions and traffic
- Wear a suitable life jacket or buoyancy aid (*rowers normally exempt*)
- Respect other users' right to lawful navigation

Key

- Road
- Railway
- Riverside path
- Power line
- Structure of interest
- Rowing Club
- Shallows / Mudflats



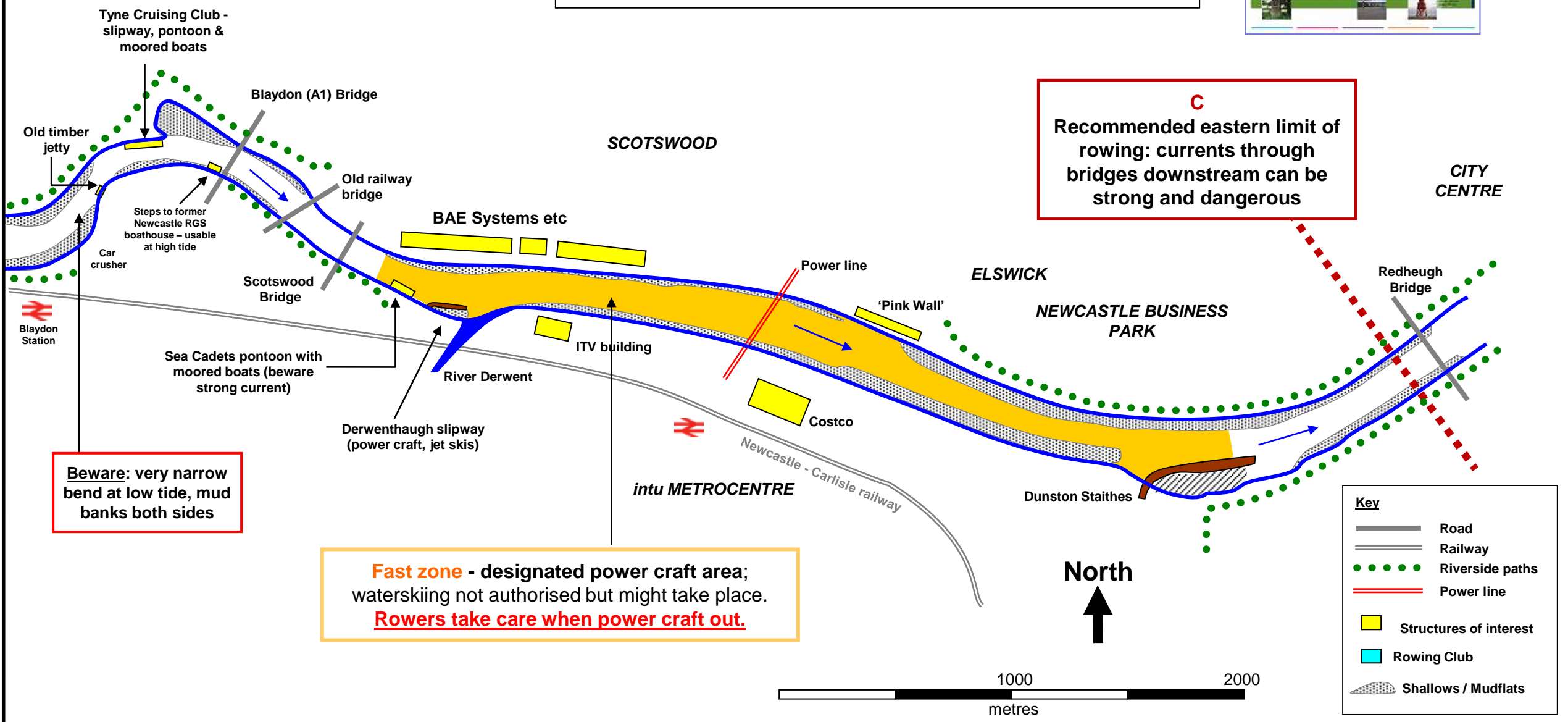
Tide and hazards: The river is tidal with changes in level of up to 5 metres between the high and low tides. Hazards emerging at the river edges as the tide falls include posts, mud and gravel banks; there may also be large trees from time to time. Avoid outside arches of bridges if the tide is low.

Access to banks: There are sections of both banks where there is no access from the river to the shore. Mud banks will not usually support the weight of a person on foot and there are high vertical walls in some places.

Speed limits: All craft are entitled to free passage of the tidal reaches of the Tyne, subject to the General Byelaws of the Port of Tyne. Two zones in this stretch are allocated as *Fast zones* for use by powered craft. Proceed through these zones with care. The speed limit for powered craft outside *Fast zones* is 6 knots (11kph / 7mph).

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C
Recommended eastern limit of rowing: currents through bridges downstream can be strong and dangerous

Beware: very narrow bend at low tide, mud banks both sides

Fast zone - designated power craft area; waterskiing not authorised but might take place.
Rowers take care when power craft out.