



Tyne Amateur Rowing Club

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# Rutherford

# Head of the River

Saturday 7 December 2019

Scotswood to Newburn over 4500 m

Division 1 - 10:30 (LT 06:20 1.76m)	Division 2 - 13:45 (HT 12:36 4.18m)
<p><b>Open:</b> Senior 8+, J18 8+  <b>Women Masters:</b> 8+  <b>Women Uni/College Alumni:</b> 8+</p>	<p><b>Women:</b> Senior 8+, J18 8+  <b>Open Masters:</b> 8+  <b>Open Uni/College Alumni:</b> 8+</p>
<p><b>Open Masters:</b> 4x-, 4-, 4+  <b>Women:</b>            Senior 4x-, J18 4x-, J16 4x-            Senior 4-, Senior 4+            J18 4+, J16 4+</p>	<p><b>Women Masters:</b> 4x-, 4-, 4+  <b>Open:</b>            Senior 4x-, J18 4x-, J16 4x-            Senior 4-, Senior 4+            J18 4+, J16 4+</p>

- Clubs entering crews into events for coxless fours and quads should be confident of their experience and their ability to steer in a competitive race in possibly challenging conditions – not ‘novice’.
- Crews in Senior/Junior events may be banded based on CRIs if numbers allow. Clubs are invited to tell us if crews are in their view 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 avge age classed as MasA, though the events will be classed as Senior on BROE to allow under 27s to row. 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 Crews and Coxes for local rules and for guidance on buoyancy of older boats.

**Entries open at 6.00pm on Sun 10 Nov 19 and close formally at 12 noon on Wed 27 Nov 19.**

**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: £11 seniors & masters, £9 juniors, 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. In practice we will endeavour to suspend entries at about 150, so we will have a reserve should any crews withdraw before the formal close of entries.

### **GET YOUR ENTRIES IN EARLY!**

**TIME AND PLACE OF THE DRAW:** The start order will be prepared at Tyne Amateur Rowing Club at 2.00pm on Sunday 1 December 2019.

**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 final close of entries. 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:** Plastic Empacher slot bow numbers will be issued. 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.

**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. Depending on numbers we may band any event based on Crew Ranking Index. 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 have a minimum of three rowing in every event; we may reject any crew not having at least two opponents (although we will always seek a solution to this first).

**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 December 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. Coxes will be weighed at Tyne ARC.

**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.



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Documents and updates will be posted at  
[www.tynerowingclub.org/pages/rutherford\\_head\\_180561.cfm](http://www.tynerowingclub.org/pages/rutherford_head_180561.cfm)