

Information for Crews for Chester-le-Street Autumn Regatta

1. There is only one division, with racing starting at 9.00 am
There is a lunch break between 12:00 and 12:30.
2. Boating for all races will be 20 mins before each published race time, crews are expected to be at the top of the landing at that point, with their opposition.
3. All equipment may be inspected before boating, any problems that can't be fixed immediately may result in disqualification for lateness at the start.
4. There is no safety hazard on the river for this shorten course.
5. One holding area for crews proceeding to the start are marked with buoys and shown on the Course Map. Crews must wait and tuck into the bank in this area until the umpire / marshals deem it safe to proceed.
6. Boats will be held beyond the start and marshalled in correct start order where they will proceed to the start.
7. Crews racing must remain in their lane and respond to steering warnings given by umpires. Boats and oars should remain within the buoys marking the centre line and holding areas. Crews straying out of their lane risk disqualification.
8. Immediately after finishing, crews should look ahead for boats in the launching area. They will be directed beyond the finish and around the buoy (located under the road bridge) where they will be held until they can safely approach the landing guided by marshals on the landing.
9. Coaching with unaided voice is now allowed throughout the length of the course (BR Rule of Racing), but no coaching from bicycles will allowed along the length of the course, due to path being a public right of way.
10. A Safety launch is located between at approximately 1/2 distance on the course.