



# Belfast Rowing Club

Hay Island, 10 Lockview Road, Stranmillis, Belfast BT9 5FJ

## **BRC SPRINT REGATTA 2023 – INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARTICIPATING CLUBS**

### Location

The regatta is held over a straight, two-lane fully buoyed course on the river Lagan at Stranmillis, from a Start pontoon at the Governor's Bridge to the Finish at Belfast Rowing Club. Detailed Course Notes have been published separately.

All visiting crews will launch at Belfast Rowing Club and land at Belfast Boat Club based at the end of the carpark on Lockview Road. If alternative arrangements have been made with other clubs, the circulation pattern must still be followed and the Regatta Secretary notified. Towing vehicles should take great care accessing and exiting Lockview Road via Stranmillis roundabout and beware of trailer overhangs on trees and traffic signage.

### Trailer Parking

All trailers should make their way to the carpark at the end of Lockview Road where they will be allocated a space. Trailer parking will be tight and clubs should be careful not to take up excessive space when building boats and not to block access for neighbouring trailers. Please do not erect Club gazebos in the car park.

### Car Parking

**There will be no car parking available on Lockview Road.** It is an extremely busy road on a normal Saturday and we cannot block it up for residents and other users. There is a car park at Stranmillis roundabout approximately 5 minutes' walk from the course and on street parking is also available further down the embankment. With the opening of the new bridge and lock gates at Stranmillis weir parking on Annadale Embankment/Avenue is now also a short, scenic walk from the boat houses.

**Please inform the Regatta Secretary if you will be travelling by coach so that appropriate parking can be arranged.**

### Equipment

It is the responsibility of club captains/safety officers to carry out an adequate safety inspection prior to launching to ensure their boats conform to the safety regulations and that their coxes wear their buoyancy aids.

Slip stewards may check boats launching and those without heel restraints or bow balls or are considered unsafe, will not be allowed to launch and the crew will be disqualified unless the problem is rectified. Coxes must wear buoyancy aids.

### Toilets

There will be portaloos in the carpark and also limited facilities in Belfast Rowing Club.

### Food

Food and snacks will be served all day from the BRC kitchen (upstairs) - contactless card payments preferred. Tickets for burgers and hot dogs from the BBQ can be purchased from the kitchen. Please bring reusable cups for hot drinks if possible.

### Regatta Control

Regatta Control will be located on the balcony at BRC. If any crew changes are required these should as far as possible be made by Club Secretaries on Tracker ahead of the event. Clubs should inform Regatta Control of any scratchings as soon as possible.

### Regatta Timetable

The race schedule is very tight. Clubs should review the draw in detail to ensure that they have sufficient boats, equipment and coxes to meet their racing commitments. There will be very little opportunity, if any, to delay or reschedule races as this will almost certainly have a knock-on effect on crews and equipment later in the draw.

### Results

The result of each race will be published on a live results page, available at the following link:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/14ugwex0gh2eZpZK6VIYxajAmKVcYcaqdIOaybUrzRoU/edit?usp=sharing>

Feel free to distribute this to your rowers and members of your club.

### Medals

Medal Presentations will take place from 13:15 to 13:45 for races before lunch and from 16:00 to 18:00 for races after lunch.

### Photography

Photographs / videos of the regatta may be taken by Belfast Rowing Club for promotional purposes. If, for any reason, individuals from your club do not consent to this, they should notify Regatta Control immediately.