



Bantry Coastal Regatta 2023 Captains Pack

This document contains all necessary information regarding Bantry Coastal Regatta 2023.

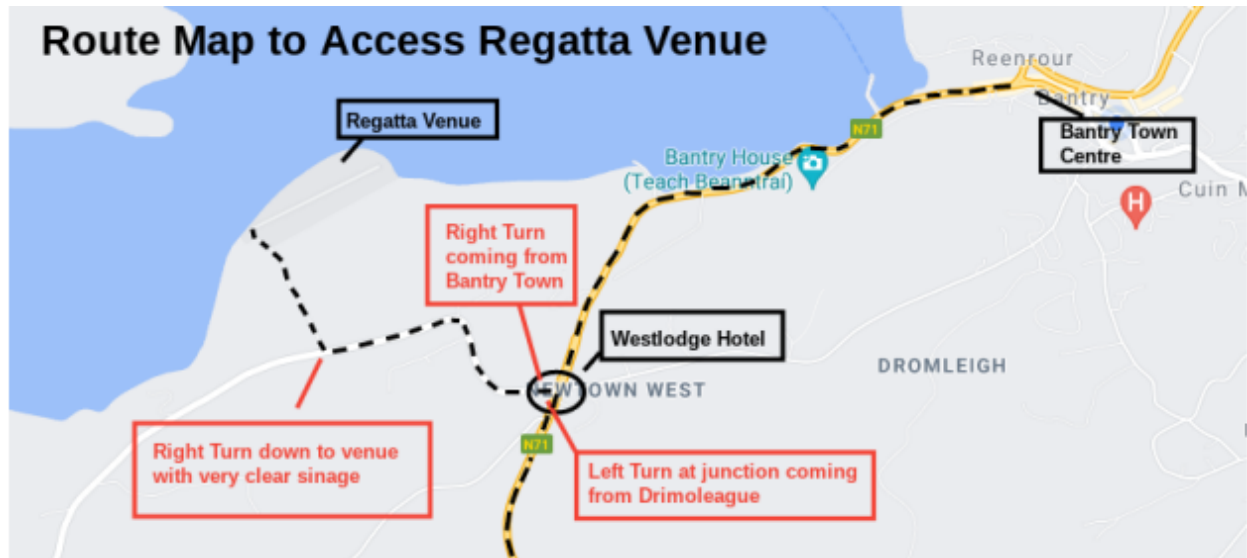
Venue and Directions

The regatta will take place at Bantry Aerodrome, a full size runway marked with two large greenfield sites either side and beach access the entire length of the runway. The launch and recovery site for boats will be at the beach area at the town end of the Runway.

To access the venue coming from Cork City via Drimoleague (N71), before coming to the Westlodge Hotel you will see a sign marked Regatta next left, after this sign take the left turn which will be clearly marked. Follow this road for approximately 1km and you will see a sign marked Regatta Next Right, after this take the right turn which will be clearly marked. This road is less than 1km and will lead straight down to the venue.

To access coming from the Bantry town side (N71), after the Westlodge Hotel you will see a sign marked Regatta next right, after this sign take the right turn which will be clearly marked. Follow this road for approximately 1km and you will see a sign marked Regatta next right, after this take the right turn which will be clearly marked. The road is less than 1km and will lead straight down to the venue.

Eircode:P75HX09 will bring you to the Wastewater treatment plant 300m from the course, just continue straight when you reach this point, alternatively put "Bantry Airstrip" into Google Maps to get accurate directions.



Venue Access for Trailers and Towing Vehicles

Clubs arriving on Friday 11th August will be allowed access to the venue from 6pm. Earlier access cannot be granted due to the Runway being active up until this time.

Only trailers and towing vehicles will be allowed into the "Boat Park" and will be directed to an available section. All cars will be directed to the car parks on site. Clubs arriving on Saturday 12th September will have venue access from 7.00am. Clubs leaving the boat park with a towing vehicle prior to the end of racing should let regatta volunteers know before moving their vehicle. Regatta volunteers will assist in keeping the area clear while the vehicle is moving.

Car Parking

This year there will be an option to donate towards the Bantry Hospice foundation for Cars can be parked onsite at the venue (see venue map below). There will be dedicated car parks adjacent to the runway. Traffic will be directed into these car parks by regatta volunteers. Under no circumstances should a car be parked anywhere other than an area directed by regatta volunteers. Cars carrying equipment will not be allowed to drive into the Boat Park and will be directed back to the car park, they can however drive as far as the entrance of the boat park and drop equipment off. Cars must not park on the side of the road leading down to the venue as this will cause a serious obstruction to Emergency services and towing vehicles. Gardai will be notified of any cars parked on the road.

Emergency Services

The Red Cross Ambulances will be onsite for the duration of Regatta.

Food & Refreshments

There will be a number of food options at the venue. They will be located near to regatta control. There will be hot food and drinks available including tea and coffee etc. Card and cash will be accepted. A seating area will be provided.

Warm Up Tent

Weather permitting the organising committee hope to have a set of Concept 2 rowing machines for athletes to warm up on. Athletes using these must agree to use them correctly with proper footwear (no wellington boots). If they are not being used in a proper manner an athlete will be asked to leave and all members of that club will not be allowed to use the machines for the remainder of the event without exception.

Plastic Free Event

The Regatta Committee would like to keep the event plastic free. Clubs should bring reusable water bottles where possible and not single use plastics. Litter at the event Clubs should keep their section clean and bring all rubbish away with them after the event. Clubs will have a plastic bag attached to their trailer.

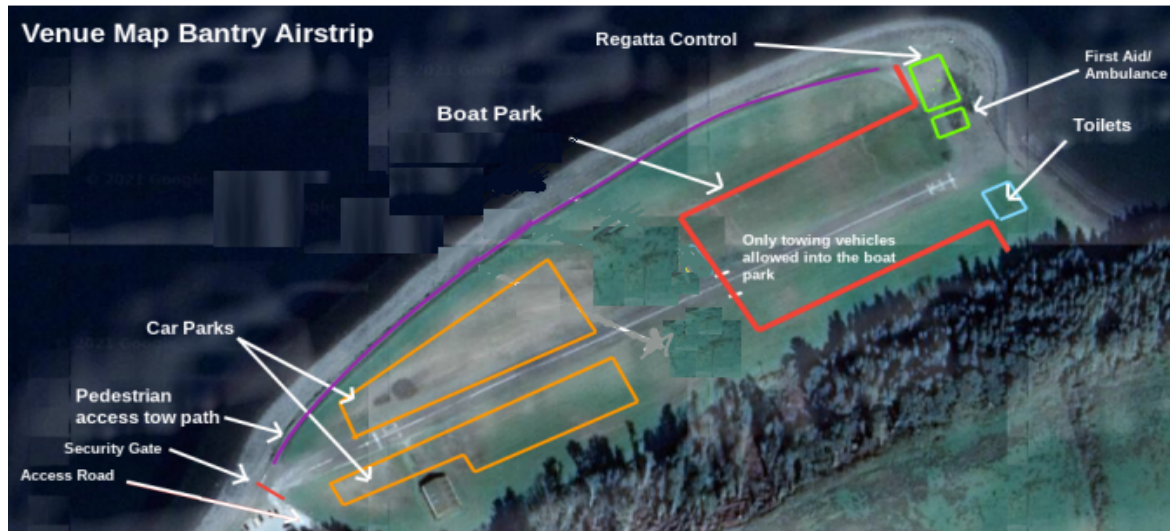
Clear Up after the event

Once a club is finished racing they are asked to assist regatta volunteers in clearing their club section. This may involve stacking cones or assisting in moving barriers.

Regatta Control

Officials in charge of time keeping and umpire coordination will be located at Regatta Control near the Start/Finish line. Club captains/representatives with queries can do so at Regatta Control.

Venue Map



Sign in/ Sign out with Beach Masters

All crews must be signed out ahead of racing. Any club member can do so. If you do not sign out your crew will be deemed disqualified from the event. Once the race is finished and the crew is off the water the crew must be signed out. If a club does not consistently sign their boats out after racing the Regatta Committee will refer them to the World Coastal Committee for violating safety procedures at the event.

Beach masters will be present throughout the regatta at the launch area. Boats will be required to pass through a dedicated section of the beach for Beach Masters to check off boats and crew. At this point crews must inform a beach master of the event you're racing with your club and crew member names. The beach master will mark you off their list and check you boat for:

- Buoyancy Aid/Life Jacket for every crew member is in the boat (Worn by the Cox)
- Tow line clearly visible and accessible
- Heel restraints if applicable
- Bow number (this should match the number at the time of entry)

Crews who do not comply with the above safety standards will not be allowed to launch.












If a boat is being turned over quickly during the masters races then please inform a beach master the boat is going straight back out so they can quickly inspect the boat.

Race Start Procedure Seniors

All races will start with both a visual and audible sequence.

- The visual will be in the form of a metal structure holding up 3 large red balls which will drop in line with the start sequence.
- The audible will be in the form of a loud clear hooter being used with short and longer blasts.
- The start sequence lasts 3 minutes.
- The start sequence starts at the race start time on the timetable, e.g. MJ164X+ 9:00am refers to the 3 minute start sequence beginning at this time.

All crews should be behind the start line before this time. It is the responsibility of all crews to fully understand the start sequence. The illustration below will assist in this. Crossing the start line prior to the official race start will result in a 2 minute penalty being added to a crew's final time.

Time	Visual signals		Audio signals	
-3 minutes		3 balls (red with white cross)		3 short blasts of hooter
-2 minutes		2 balls (red with white cross)		2 short blasts of hooter
-1 minutes		1 balls (red with white cross)		1 short blasts of hooter
START	  drops	Dropping the single ball (red with white cross)	 LONG	Long blast of hooter
Mass false start	 Waving	Starter waving red flag	 <i>repeated</i>	Repeated short blasts of hooter

Race Start Procedure Masters

The race start procedure for Masters events is identical to the senior with the following addition as per Rule 7E.5.3. After the final ball has dropped all Masters 50 crews will start. One buoy will be quickly raised and dropped again once the handicap time to Masters 40 has lapsed.

Handicap for the 2k course has been adapted from Rule 7E.5.7 which applies to 4k races. The times are halved and the time difference can be seen here:

Event	Master 50	Master 40
M4X+	Go	+16 seconds
W4X+	Go	+16 seconds
M2X	Go	+16 seconds
W2X	Go	+17 seconds
Mix2X	Go	+16 seconds
Mix4X+	Go	=16 seconds

Course Map 2k Masters

The 2k course is shared by the Junior Championships. While appearing simple the course offers an exciting first and last leg running parallel to the runway, this can be followed by spectators the whole way. The prevailing wind means the first leg may have a head wind and the final leg will likely have a fast surfing finish in windy conditions. The diamond of 4 turns at the top of the course is sheltered by a set of cliffs at the top of the runway and can still be seen by spectators who wish to follow the course fully. Of note is the yellow special mark which is not on the course but crews must be aware it's a fixed hard marker.

Given the first and last leg of the course is shared, clubs must agree if they have a breakage or stoppage on the first leg they will immediately wave to a safety boat to be assisted off the course or if still mobile then make their way off the course in the interests of safety



GPS Coordinates for 2k Course:

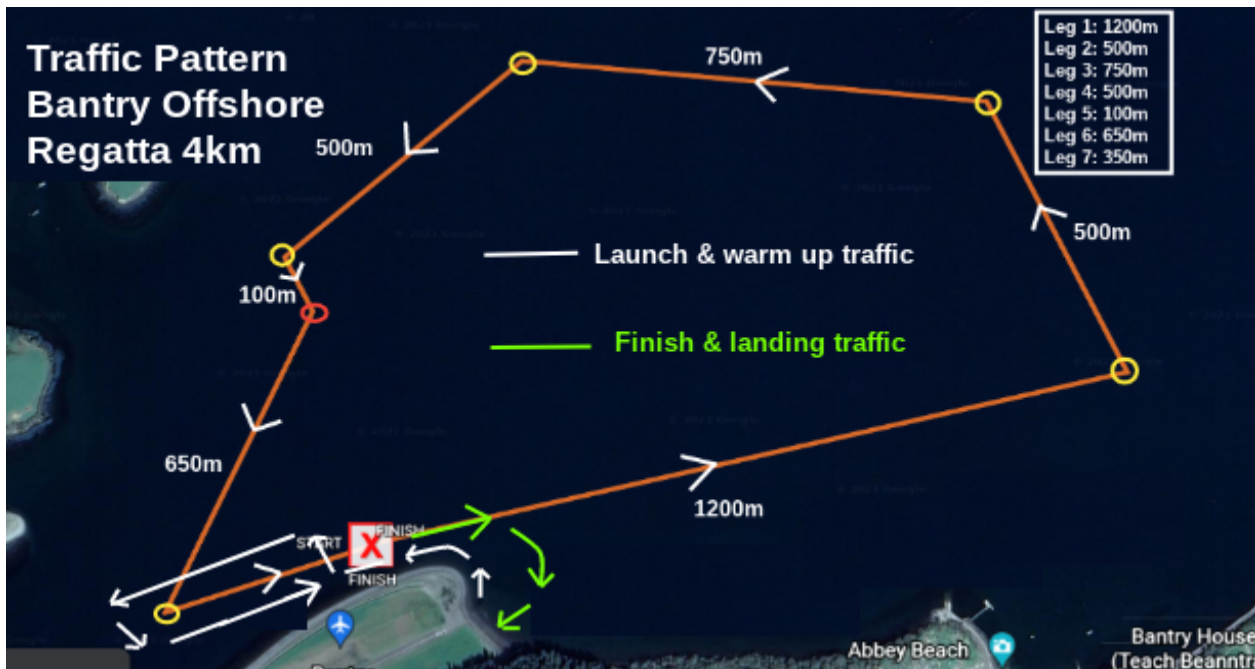
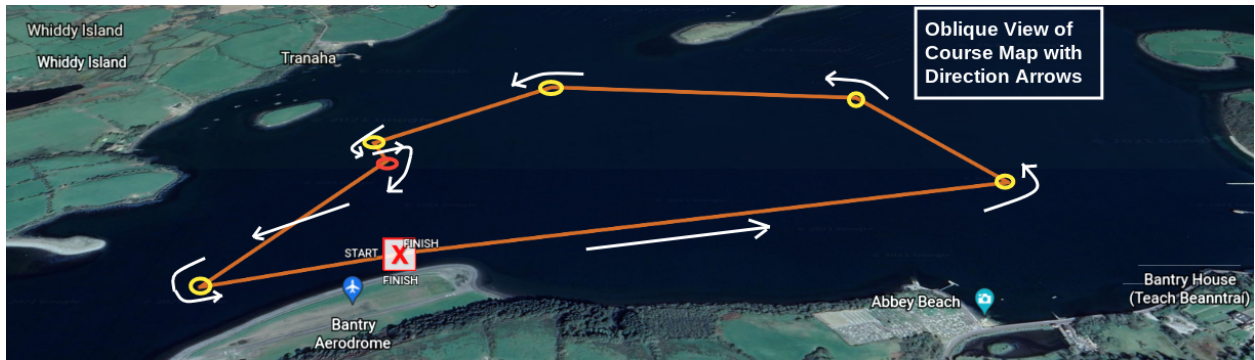
Start Finish Line: Lat 51.6795 Lng -9.482920
Turn 1 & Turn 5: Lat 51.676527 Lng -9.493241
Turn 2: Lat 51.674694 Lng -9.493785
Turn 3: Lat 51.674215 Lng -9.495674
Turn 4: Lat 51.676264 Lng -9.495287

If wind speeds increase to a point where the course is no longer rowable then an alternate course will be laid out in a sheltered section of the bay. This decision will be made as early as possible and a full course map will be released with GPS coordinates for the benefit of athletes.

Course Map 4K Senior

The course has been designed to offer a fair challenge to all athletes. It avoids hazards on the inner harbour and does not have any obstructions on the course. Bantry inner harbour is an active body of water and all ferry services and local water based services will be well aware of the event. We intend to keep the course clear but crews should come to the event being able to deal with challenging offshore conditions and wakes.





Course Coordinates 4km Course

GPS Coordinates	Latitude	Longitude
Start/Finish Line:	51.679318	-9.486139
Turn 1	51.681486	-9.468537
Turn 2	51.685868	-9.471842
Turn 3	51.686459	-9.426331
Turn 4	51.683535	-9.488135
Turn 5	51.682757	-9.487535
Turn 6	51.678304	-9.490979

Competence

Crews are expected to have a high level of competence and should be capable of rowing the 2k and 4k course in a reasonable time. While it remains the responsibility of club and crew captains to ensure they are competent, if the safety officer, race umpire or inshore rescue deems a crew to be incapable of completing the course safely he may request the crew return to the launching area. Similarly if a crew is likely to take more than 15 minutes to complete the

2k course or 30 minutes to complete the 4k course the umpire may direct them off the course in order to avoid a collision with any races following them.

Penalties during Races

All umpires and start line decisions at the regatta are final. Umpires will be asked to refrain from applying penalties on the water unless deemed necessary but all umpire decisions will be upheld. Penalties will be applied as per RI Rules of racing.

Start Finish Line

If an individual or group is blocking the start finish line area they will be asked to move immediately in case they block the view of the start/finish tower. Supporters and athletes should at no point throughout the weekend approach the starters. If they block or distract starters at any point it could have an effect on the smooth running of event.

Results

Results can be found by using the QR Code on the RI Events page and the various social media outlets. Results will be published on a results board at regatta control.

Crews Scratching

Crews entered in the regatta will be assumed to be competing unless a representative of the club has officially scratched the crew. Scratches can be made on Tracker prior to the event. Scratches on tracker after 1pm Friday 11th August should be confirmed at regatta control on the morning of the event.

Conduct during the regatta

The regatta has been organised entirely by volunteers. All those working on the day are volunteers. Clubs should treat all regatta volunteers and officials with respect. Clubs with issues or complaints should do so at regatta control via club captains only. Clubs or individuals causing disturbances or not complying with regatta volunteers in line with safety rules will be referred to the World Rowing Coastal Committee and, at the discretion of the regatta committee, be requested to leave the event or have their crews withdrawn from the regatta..

Presentations

Medal Presentations will be made after each race. Winning crews will be called to regatta control.

Final note from the host club

Bantry Rowing Club is into its 6th year hosting a large-scale Coastal Regatta. We look forward to welcoming clubs from around the country and will make every effort to ensure your athletes have a safe and enjoyable weekend. As the weekend is also hosting the Junior Championships also we ask clubs to work with us should delays arise due to weather and not hinder the smooth running of the event.