



Great Tyne Row

Saturday, 27 August 2016

Information for Crews

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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Great Tyne Row is a 25 km journey of discovery. The event is organised by the Northern Rowing Council, in partnership with the British Rowing, Tyne Amateur Rowing Club, Tyne United Rowing Club, Tynemouth Rowing Club, Gateshead Community Rowing Club, Gosforth Community Rowing, Red Seal Rescue and the Sea Cadets (Derwenthaugh & South Shields Boat Stations).
- 1.2 This document should be read alongside other documents, especially the Navigation Guide (out with this document) and the Start Order (issued about a week before the event). These and other documents are or will all be on the event web site at www.greattynerow.com.
- 1.3 Queries about entries should be directed to Claire McGuire, Event Secretary at secretary.gtr@outlook.com. Other questions should go to Colin Percy, Event Director, at eventdirector.gtr@outlook.com or on 07985 003304.
- 1.4 All admin functions will run from Tyne ARC (NE15 8NL). Boating will also be from Tyne United RC (NE15 8NR) and Newburn Country Park slipway (NE15 8ND) - you will be notified which to go to. The detailed Day Plan (timetable) is on the web site, but the key timings for the day are as follows:
- * Gates to these locations open (and food on at TARC and TURC): 09:30
 - * Registration: 09:30-10:45
 - * Safety briefing: 11:00 (at least one per crew, preferably two)
 - * Boating: 12:00-12:30
 - * First division off: 12:30 (just on high tide)
 - * Last division off: 13:00
 - * Finish (opposite north bank passenger ferry pier): 14:30 onwards
 - * Landing at Tynemouth RC: 14:45 onwards
 - * Prize-giving: 16:30 approx
 - * Food and bar available till mid-evening (at least) at Tynemouth RC (NE30 4DG)

2.0 Trailers and car parking

- 2.1 START – There are three boating points: Tyne ARC (north bank), Tyne United RC (south bank) and Newburn Country Park (north bank, further west). The first plan in the Navigation Guide shows the locations of these.
- 2.2 Each crew will be allocated one of these clubs to launch from in the final Start Order published about a week before the event. You will be able to access the clubs and slipway from 09:30 on the day of the event. Only trailers and towing vehicles will be able to get into the two rowing clubs. Crew etc cars must park in public car parks or, if done sensibly, on public roads. There is good public car parking next to the slipway. Further advice on access and parking will be given on the web site.



2.3 FINISH – Trailers (and towing vehicles if necessary) will be able to park at Priors Haven car park, situated just up the hill behind Tynemouth Rowing Club from 07:00. To get there, find Tynemouth Priory, turn into the lane heading downhill and turn right just after the very narrow bridge. There is no charge; the car park is for exclusive use of Great Tyne Row vehicles. The car park is available all day so it's up to you when you wish to bring the trailer over to Tynemouth. We will be able to help bring driver/rowers back to Newburn from Tynemouth at 10:00, but you must inform us in advance.

2.4 **Note that Tynemouth may be busy if it's a nice day and non-trailer vehicles may have to park some distance from the Rowing Club if arriving later in the day. Be warned!**

3.0 Registration

3.1 Registration will start at 09:30 and be open till 10:45 at Tyne ARC on the north bank. You will be asked to confirm that crew members are as previously notified and that all are members of British Rowing or are otherwise covered by another organisation's or individual's third party liability insurance (see the GTR 2016 Terms and Conditions). You will also be asked to confirm you have the previously notified mobile phone to take in the boat.

4.0 Safety Briefing

4.1 The Safety Briefings will take place at Tyne ARC on the north bank at 11:00 - **at least one crew member must attend and it is recommended you bring the cox plus one other.**

4.2 At the safety briefing we will walk you through the Navigation Guide (please print out and bring with you). Particular attention will be paid to the **RED ZONES** – these are the main commercial ship manoeuvring areas on the north side of the river and boats are not to enter into these areas unless otherwise instructed by a safety marshal.

4.3 At the end of the safety briefing you will be given a plastic number to fix to the bow (if visible only on one side, make sure it is on the starboard side (right side from cox's point of view) and a GPS tracker. The latter must be handed in at the finish - no tracker, no prize!

5.0 Clothing and changing facilities

5.1 Each crew member should ensure they are properly attired with consideration to the weather and water conditions, hot or cold, dry or wet. You should also ensure you have proper footwear for boating. Please note that wellington boots are good at the start to keep feet dry, but **for disembarking on the beach at Tynemouth wellington boots are a total waste of time** and you should wear trainers or sandals that you don't mind getting wet.

5.2 There are changing facilities at the start clubs (but not the slipway). **The finish facilities are at Tynemouth Sailing Club** (50 metres from the Rowing Club). If you'd like to be able to change clothing at the conclusion of the event (recommended, as you may get wet landing if not



before) we suggest you arrange with a family member or friend or your trailer driver to meet you at Tynemouth Rowing Club with your change of clothes. This avoids having unnecessary items in the boat for the event. Get in touch if this is a real problem.

6.0 Food and refreshments

6.1 The bar at Tyne ARC on the north bank will open on the Friday night if you fancy popping down and seeing who is around.

6.2 Breakfast and other food will be on sale from both Tyne ARC and Tyne United RC from 09:00 and there is a cafe next to the slipway.

6.3 Tynemouth RC will be having a barbeque with various foods for sale as well as having a licensed bar at the finish. There will be music on arrival and the bar will remain open till perhaps 20:00.

7.0 Start Procedure

7.1 Crews are responsible for getting on the river at the time to be notified in the final Start Order. Low numbers will boat first and you must boat when scheduled, otherwise following crews will be late for the start. We will not necessarily wait for late crews, so they could be very upset!

7.2 Detailed start related times are:

Division	Boating starts (order to follow)	Move to start area	5 minute Warning	Start
1	12:00	12:20	12:25	12:30
2	12:10	12:30	12:35	12:40
3	12:20	12:40	12:45	12:50
4	12:30	12:50	12:55	13:00

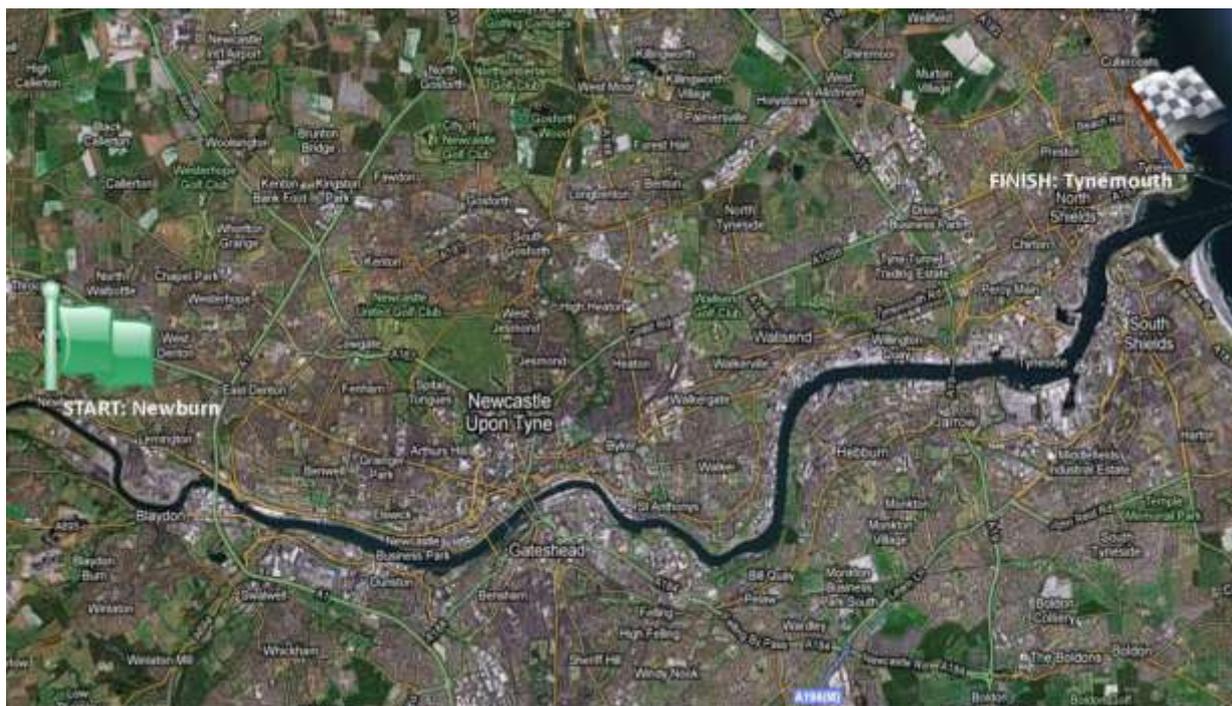
7.3 The Navigation Guide includes the relevant plans and instructions, but in outline boats get on the water and stay in the boat holding area until 10 minutes before the start time. A marshalling launch will assist in moving you to the start, but it is your responsibility to be on the start on time; have a watch or other timepiece with you (some didn't one year!).

7.4 Once in the start area, boats should line up with bows staying behind the downstream end of the Newcastle University BC steps, where the start line is. There may be many boats in the start area, so please be tolerant of others and give each other space. You may have to start a few metres behind other boats - please bear in mind you have 25km to catch up! There will be a 5 minute warning (two short blasts on the horn) and then the start (verbal "Attention" and then one sustained air horn blast).



8.0 Navigation and emergencies

- 8.1 The journey from Newburn to Tynemouth is 25km in total. We estimate a range in times from 1hour 40 minutes to 3 hours. The overall route is shown in this map. The Navigation Guide has much more detail.



- 8.2 Throughout the event, safety launches will be on the water at locations stated on the Navigation Guide. They will attend any emergency situations on the water. You might wish to do any crew changes near one of these, but they cannot help unless it becomes an emergency! They may instruct you to deviate from the course or come to a halt. Please appreciate the complexities of rowing through commercial shipping lanes and follow their instructions efficiently and immediately.
- 8.3 In the event of an emergency, raise the alarm with your nearest safety launch or contact Event Control on 07985 003304 or the Director or Event Safety Adviser by VHF radio if you have one (channel to be advised). All crew members are to remain in/with the boat at all times unless otherwise instructed by a safety marshal. You shall be informed of all other relevant contact numbers during the safety briefing.

9.0 Presentation

- 9.1 Presentations will take place at Tynemouth RC at approximately 16:30. Awards are as follows.



Fastest Overall Boat, Overall Women's Boat, Overall Fixed Seat & Overall Women's Fixed Seat: each crew shall receive a Shield (to be returned to the event organisers the following year), pennant and bottle of fizz. Crews can receive only one of these awards each.

Best Dressed Crew/Decorated boat: each crew shall receive a pennant and 2 bottles of fizz.

Harry Clasper Award: this award is presented at the discretion of the organising committee. It can be awarded under special circumstances to any crew or person; for example for being especially helpful to another crew or crews, rowing in challenging personal circumstances, etc. The crew or person shall receive a pennant and a bottle of fizz.

"Enjoying the View" (slowest boat): this is awarded to the crew who took their time to enjoy the view on the course and completed in the slowest time. The crew is awarded a pennant and a bottle of fizz.

Category prizes: for each category with more than one entrant, the fastest crew will receive a pennant and each crew member a glass tankard.

10.0 Spectating and GPS tracking

- 10.1 We will be encouraging supporters to cheer on the crews at Dunston Staithes (open for visitors on event day) about 13:-13:30, on or near the Gateshead Millennium Bridge in the centre of town about 13:20 to 13:50 and then move down to Tynemouth. The boats will arrive at the club beach from about 14:45.
- 10.2 We have a number of shore timing points (see the Navigation Guide for locations) so that if we get help up by commercial shipping, we can base results on times up to that point. We also have GPS tracking which will back up the manual timing; you can watch progress of all boats online at http://durtytracking.com/g/g_map.php?event=42.

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