



# Great Tyne Row

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## 1.0 General Information

The Great Tyne Row is a 25.5km journey. The event has been organised by The Northern Rowing Council, in partnership with the British Rowing, Tyne RC, Tyne United RC, Tynemouth Rowing Club Gosforth Community Rowing Club and Red Seal Rescue.

Each crew member should ensure they are properly attired with consideration to the weather and water conditions, and ensure they have hat, sunglasses and a warm top. You should also ensure you have proper footwear for boating.

There will be the opportunity to access changing facilities at the start and finish of the event. If you'd like to be able to change clothing at the conclusion of the event, we suggest you arrange with a family member or friend to meet you at Tynemouth Rowing Club with your change of clothes. This avoids having unnecessary items in the boat for the event.

### 1.1 Registration

Registration will start at 11:00 until 13:00 at Tyne Rowing Club. Please ensure that you bring valid British Rowing Membership (if needed) or equivalent with up to date crew information and captain contact details (please note you must carry a mobile phone with you in the boat).

### 1.2 Safety Briefing

**The Safety Briefings shall take place at 13:00, 13:20, and 13:40 – this is compulsory for the Team Captain and coxswain of each crew. Please see which briefing you are to attend on the event draw.**

At the safety briefing we will walk you through the navigation of the course. Particular attention is to be paid to the **RED ZONES** – these are in the commercial shipping lanes of the river and boats are not to enter into these areas unless otherwise instructed by a safety marshal.

Throughout the event, safety boats will be on the water at locations stated on the navigation plan. They are there to assist your navigation of the course and attend any emergency situations on the water. They are in direct contact with EVENT CONTROL and may instruct you to deviate from course or come to a halt. Please appreciate the complexities of rowing through commercial shipping lanes and follow their instructions efficiently.

At the safety briefing you shall be given the navigational instructions and a contact list for the event.

### 1.3 Trailers

START - Trailers will be able to access the start via either Newburn Slipway, Tyne Rowing Club or Tyne United Rowing Club, all situated at Newburn. Each crew will be allocated one of these clubs to launch from. You will be able to access these from roughly 10am on the day of the event. Car parking is limited so where possible please car pool or use public transport.



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FINISH – Trailers will be able to park at Priors Haven beach car park, situated behind Tynemouth Rowing Club. 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 may be able to help bring driver-rowers back to Newburn from Tynemouth late morning.

#### 1.4 Breakfast & BBQ

Breakfast and other food will be on sale from both Tyne and Tyne United Rowing Clubs in the morning before the start of the event.

Tynemouth RC will be having a barbeque with various foods for sale as well as having a licensed bar at the finish. There will also be an after party with music after the presentation.

#### 1.5 Presentations at Tynemouth

Presentations will take place at Tynemouth at 7pm.

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 Champagne. Crews can receive only one of these awards each.

**Best Dressed Crew/Decorated boat**, Each Crew shall receive a pennant and 2 bottles of champagne.

**Harry Clasper Award**, This award is presented at the discretion of the organising committee. It will be awarded under special circumstances to any crew or person. For example in 2011 this was awarded to Oxford Academicals for their assistance in helping all crews off the water after finishing themselves. The crew or person shall receive a pennant, bottle of champagne, and a glass trophy.

**"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, bottle of champagne and wooden spoons.

**Category Prizes:** For each category prize given the crew shall receive a pennant and each crew member a glass tankard.

#### 2.0 Rules & Regulations

- a. A crew will not be permitted to participate without each crew member showing a valid British Rowing membership or equivalent.
- b. The coxswain & team captain from each crew must attend the safety briefing (each crew should have two representatives present if coxswain is also team captain)
- c. Each crew must be in possession at all times of navigation instructions & the nominated contact mobile phone, fully charged before start & with ample credit
- d. Crews must obey the instructions of safety and event marshals at all times



- e. Crews must obey the event navigation unless otherwise instructed by safety or event marshal
- f. **RED WATER ZONES:** The area marked in red shows the start of the commercial zone in the Port of Tyne. Crews are not allowed to move across the river and into this zone unless otherwise instructed by safety marshals. Crews must stay within 50m of the south bank, whilst keeping good distance from any moored boats

### 3.0 Checklist

Please ensure your crew is in possession of the following items for the event:

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| British Rowing membership (or equivalent)                    | Sunscreen/Foil Blankets                        |
| Navigational maps  | Ample amounts of water (approx. 2L per person) |
| Nominated mobile phone (fully charged & with calling credit) |  |

### 4.0 Launching

Crews will be designated a boating location, either from Tyne Riverside Country Park at Newburn (slipway), Tyne Rowing Club (steps) or Tyne United Rowing Club (steps). Participants must ensure they have appropriate footwear when boating. Steps can be slippery and very muddy.

Crews must boat with enough time to safely **reach the START AREA at least 5 minutes before** their start time when instructed by the marshalling launches. Please allow crews with an earlier start time to boat ahead of you.

### 5.0 Start Procedure

Start Times	
Division 1	14:30
Division 2	14:40
Division 3	14:50
Division 4	15:00
Division 5	15:10
Division 6	15:20

Once crews are launched they will be asked to remain in the BOAT HANDLING AREA. Only progress through Newburn Bridge when requested by one of the safety launches.

At all other times, keep clear of Newburn Bridge - no boats will be allowed to wait in the area shown in red. (Please see attached navigation maps) Crews will then remain in the START AREA. You will have 3 time warnings followed by the start horn. These are a 5 minute warning, 1 minute warning, and 30 second warning. **The start will be acknowledged by one long sustained air horn blast.**



**START TIMES WILL NOT BE DELAYED BY LATE CREWS.**

## 6.0 Navigation

The journey from Newburn to Tynemouth is 25.5km in total. Estimated journey time is 1hour 30 minutes to 3 hours.



(Please see attached navigation guide)

## 7.0 Emergency Procedures

In the event of an emergency, raise the alarm with your nearest safety marshal or contact EVENT CONTROL. 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 relevant contact numbers during the safety briefing.

## 8.0 Finish

All crews will need to follow the GREEN ZONE to Priors Haven where Tynemouth Rowing Club is located. Safety marshals shall indicate when your crew is to embark on the crossing from the south side across the harbour opening. In the event of rough water or on instruction from the Harbour Master, safety marshals may instruct your crew to the alternative landing point at North Shields Fish Quay. (Please see attached navigation guide)