

Chichester Yacht Club Celtic Challenge Regatta - Information and Rules

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General Information:

You have been invited to participate in the Chichester Yacht Club Celtic Challenge regatta on Saturday the 28 October 2023.

High Water at CYC is at 11.45.

Racing starts at 10:00 and finishes at 14.00 local.

A) Registration of participants

- (i) All participating club rowers must register **individually** on the Chichester Yacht Club website [here](#). **Please complete the online registration before 12.00 on Friday 20th October 2023.**
- (ii) Please also e-mail Office@cyc.co.uk and twestac@gmail.com with the list of crew / cox participants by 12.00 on **Friday 20th October 2023**, using the spreadsheet provided.
- (iii) All participating crews and coxes will be required to check in on the day at the registration table in the Sloop.

Registration fees cannot be accepted on the day; CYC now operate cashless system.

Clubs participating must complete the competitor declaration attached (This can also be found in the link on the CYC website).

B) Risk assessment

CYC will complete a risk assessment and will share with participating clubs before and on the day of the event if there have been changes.

C) Food, beverages and facilities

Tea, coffee and water are all free of charge on the day in the Sloop.

Breakfast baps will be available for purchase from 9am.

A hot buffet will be available from 1pm. In addition, sandwiches and chips will be available until 2.30pm. This food can be ordered from the club restaurant desk between 12pm and 2pm. The bar is open all day and evening.

Changing rooms and showers are available and located at the back of the Sloop.

Parking in the Marina is now subject to new charges so car sharing is advisable.

D) Crew safety and comms

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Life jackets or buoyancy aids must be worn by coxes at all times. Life jackets or buoyancy aids must be worn on the CYC pontoons. Once crews are in a boat, they may be removed, except when the regatta umpire or cox request life jackets/buoyancy aids are worn.

Cox must carry a VHF radio and select channel M1 or 37 for the duration of the race.

E) Key CYC personnel

CYC Regatta Officers:

CYC Regatta Officer	Peter Lambert
Regatta Umpire	Mike Gilbert
CYC Regatta Clubs Liaison	Tracey Westacott
Beachmaster	Katie Jarvis
Deputy Beachmaster	Wendy Lambert
Race Officer (race hut)	TBC

List of Clubs / Boats:

Langstone Cutters RC	Sweare Deep
Itchenor Sailing Club:	Icanore
Dell Quay Sailing Club:	Seafox
Chichester Yacht Club	Cygnat
Emsworth Slipper Sailing Club	Slipper Spirit

F) Race Rules

Provided below are the Welsh Sea Rowing rules and adapted / edited by CYC, that coxes and crews must follow to compete fairly in this regatta.

Before Racing

- Crews and coxes will be registered before the start of the event on the CYC website. Unregistered crews shall not take to the water during the event.
- All boats must display their correct number, or name on the hull in a legible size.
- All boats must be seaworthy to race, the competitor declaration covers this requirement, please ensure this is returned to the CYC Office.
- All crews **must** send a representative cox, coxes, crews to the briefing. All rules explained in this meeting and in these notes, must be abided by.

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Fixed Line Race Starts:

- The start of racing will be at 10.00, or as soon as possible thereafter. Each boat is racing against the clock and will depart at 2-minute intervals. The race officer will advise the boat via VHF a countdown to the start. The clock will only start when the bow has crossed the line, so crews and coxes can set up a running start. Race starts, course length and location may be changed up to 24 hours before dependent on weather conditions on the day.
- All coxes shall be listening out on **VHF channel M1 / 37** for instructions from the Regatta umpire and starter.
- The Race Officer is responsible for the starts and two minutes before a planned, or delayed start, a VHF call will be made to the boats lining up to start. The Race Officer on the VHF will count down to the 2 min start time and call the boat on the VHF when they have passed the start line.
- All boats will be racing against the clock over the course and timed from the bow crossing the start line to when the boat bow crosses the finish line, a hooter signal will sound only for a boat crossing the finish line.
- All crews are to take to the water promptly when asked to do so. CYC will issue a schedule. The Beachmaster team will be on the pontoon and shore to ensure boats and crews get in and out promptly. Assistance for respective clubs would be greatly appreciated, please liaise with the CYC shore team. Use both sides of the pontoon as directed by the shore team, up to three boats per side.
- Boats should approach the start line, this is an imaginary line between the land side flagpole by the race start hut, the yellow withy post near the land and the second (from the Marina) green Chichester Marina channel marker post, which is the southern edge of the marina deep-water channel.

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G) The Course

This is currently set at 2NM in a circular course. Coxes and crews will be provided copies of the race marks and gates planned for the day. Additional race marks / gates may be set on the morning of the regatta. This may be subject to change, depending on weather conditions on the day.

During the Race:

The race will take the course outlined in the coxes' briefing. 3 monitoring ribs will be stationed at fairway crossings to slow / stop boat traffic. Additional buoys may be set in different colours to show gates and turns, coxes will be provided with a marked chart and detailed instructions on the day.

Any changes to a race will be communicated through the VHF by the Regatta Officer.

Overtaking boat crews must yield to the boat crews being overtaken. The leading boat has priority except under certain circumstances – see buoy turns below. An overtaking crew becomes the leading crew once overtaking has been fully completed and clear water is obtained.

Oar overlap is permissible, but the crew being overtaken has priority and should not be obstructed by clashing oars.

Ramming from any direction is prohibited.

Weaving and other unsportsmanlike behaviour is prohibited.

Buoy Turns

Priority at any turn is determined at 3 boat lengths from the turn.

At 3 boat lengths, if there is any overlap between 2 crews, the inside crew (i.e. crew closest to the buoy when turning) has priority. The outside crew must yield to the inner crew and not impede their progress.

At 3 boat lengths, if there is clear water (i.e. no overlap) between the 2 crews, the leading crew has priority. The chasing crew must yield to the leading crew and not impede their progress.

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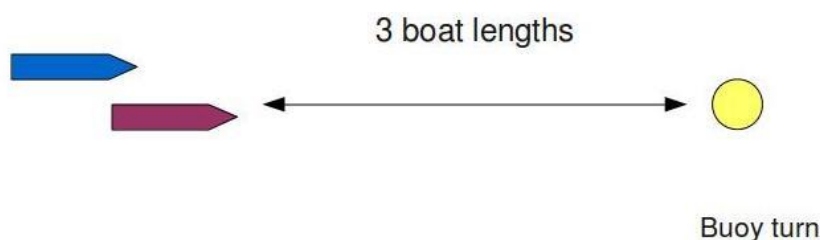
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As the distance to the buoy decreases, it is likely any gap will shorten or disappear due to the lead crew slowing for the turn. If the chasing crew catches the lead crew and gains inside overlap inside 3 boat lengths, the chasing crew must still yield at the turn.

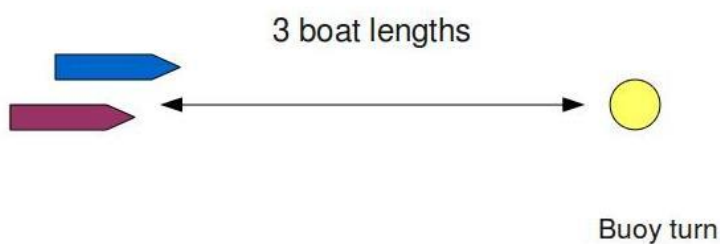
The crew with priority may take any course around the buoy unimpeded.

The above rules will cascade through the field. It is possible that a leading crew may have to yield to the crew in lower positions under some circumstances.

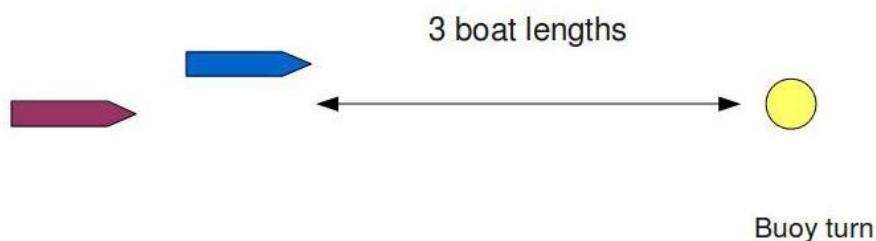
The regatta umpire boat may be stationed on buoy turns to ensure correct procedures are followed. Crews found to obstruct other crews holding priority may have penalty time added or be disqualified entirely. This is at the discretion of the regatta umpire or safety boat official at the race.



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No overlap as first boat reaches 3 boat lengths from the turn. Leading boat (blue) has priority.

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The Finish:

The finish line is the same as the start line, boats need to be clear of the end of the CYC pontoon to slow and keep the finish line clear, so align themselves after the last turning mark and row parallel with the Chichester Marina green fairway posts. On finishing, a single 2 second horn will be sounded. Once finished, make your way to the pontoon, as directed by the pontoon master, use both sides of the pontoon.

Appeals and Objections:

Appeals and objections should be addressed to the CYC Regatta Officer immediately after the race.

Race Umpire or Officer may add penalty time to a crew elapsed time for any un-sportsman like behaviour, for breaking the rules as specified in these instructions , or missing a mark.