



Row Around Great Britain  
GB Row Challenge 2020  
The Worlds Toughest Rowing Race  
From 05<sup>th</sup> July 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020  
GB Row Challenge Ltd  
("Organising Authority")  
London, United Kingdom  
**GB Row 2020 NOTICE OF RACE**  
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## 1. RULES

1.1 In accordance with the terms of the GB Row Challenge Ltd, the Event will be governed by the following:

- (a) **GB Row 2020 Notice of Race** published by the Organising Authority.
- (b) **GB Row 2020 Rules of the Race**, published by the Organising Authority.
- (c) **GB Row 2020 Sailing Instructions** published by the Organising Authority

1.2 Any conflict in the rules shall be resolved by applying the rule in the first listed document above which shall prevail over a conflicting rule in a subsequently listed document.

1.3 A copy of all the above documents and rules will be available on request.

## 2. ADVERTISING

2.1 Competing boats are required to display advertising chosen and supplied by GB Row Challenge Ltd in accordance with the guidance below:

- (a) On the first 15% of the forward part of each side of each hull a
- (b) The foremost 5% of top of the boat (ie the roof of the forward cabin)
- (c) The rear most section of the hull stern 10%
- (d) an event sponsors flag to be carried throughout the event, to be flown when the boat is in harbour or within 200m of shore (not applicable for GB Row 2020).

2.2 All advertising (ie sponsors logos) shall be provided to boats by GB Row Challenge Ltd, no later than end June 2020, for individual crews to apply in accordance with the above criteria and using the accompanying literature detailing the exact layout of the logos for all competing boats.

### **3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

3.1 The Event shall be open to all rowing boats, subject to maximum capacity of 8 persons. There shall be no other entries. The Organising Authority only accept credible entries, their decision to accept or reject an entry is final. Male, female and mixed crews are acceptable as agreed with the ORS (Ocean Rowing Society) and as directed by Guinness World Records.

### **4. CLASSIFICATION**

4.1 The ISAF sailor classification code shall not apply.

### **5. FEES**

#### **5.1 Entry Fee**

Provided on request.

#### **5.2 Registration**

Competitor registration must be completed by 28<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019 latest, with a minimum non-refundable deposit of £500 per boat, paid on formal application for the race.

#### **5.3 Entry Fee Payment Date**

Entry Fees must be paid in full by 01<sup>st</sup> April 2020. Spare crew members may be included and new crew added with prior notification and agreement of the Organising Authority.

#### **5.4 Dates of Racing**

- The race will start on Sunday 05<sup>th</sup> July 2020 (should the race be delayed by inclement weather, competing teams will be informed by the Race Committee at least 24 hours prior to start time).

### **6. RACE SEMINARS**

6.1 There will be a minimum of one Race Seminar, to be held in Feb 20, for all registered crews. Further Seminars may be planned and held depending on demand.

6.2 All seminars will be focussed on the competitor and his/her crews preparations for the race. Full details will be issued by letter at least one month before the planned date of each Seminar.

## 7. NUMBER OF RACES

7.1 There shall be a minimum of one (1) race.

7.2 There will be a minimum of three (3) boats to become a race.

7.3 The first to win the race shall be declared the winner of the Event. If a race is a dead heat, or all boats are disqualified, the race shall be re-matched.

## 8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1 The GB Row 2020 Sailing Instructions (for shakedown and start details) will be available no later than 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020, from the Race Committee and will be uploaded to the restricted (registered crews) area of the GB Row Challenge website.

8.2 All boats should attend the Shakedown period. Details will be provided at the Feb 20 Seminar and within the Sailing Instructions above.

8.3 Breaking of any of the following rules will result in immediate disqualification subject to the GB Row Challenge Ltd Race Committee decision:

- Health and Safety
  - a. All boats must comply with the Boat Equipment Regulations of the GB Row Challenge: GB Row 2020 (see Entry Forms on website – protected entry for registered competing teams only).
  - b. All boats must comply with lighting requirements for UK waters  
(ie all boats must keep light on at night regardless of the weather or boat location).
  - c. All competing boats are advised to focus on Coastal (rather than Ocean) rowing, using the abundance of volunteered expertise available offering advice.
- Consumption
  - a. No illegal substances to be taken during or pre-departure (24 hrs) of the event.
  - b. Independent drug testing may be applied to any competitor at any time during the race.
- Propulsion
  - a. The boats are to be powered solely by human propulsion by the use of rowing blades.
  - b. Hatches, kites or any other wind catching material are not to be used to aid the speed of the boat.

- Route
  - a. The race is around the UK Mainland only, starting and finishing at Tower Bridge on the River Thames, London.
  - b. Competitors can choose to go clockwise or anti-clockwise around the course.
- Boats
  - a. 2,4 & 6 man crews are the preferred size of teams, solo Rowers are not accepted.
- Support
  - a. Post the start of the Event, the crew must not get any physical support from humans, machines or other man-made objects, such as buoys, moorings or anchored vessels.
  - b. Off-loading rubbish or excess equipment is not deemed as support, so long as it is properly bagged, offloaded and collected by a vessel that can responsibly dispose of the items.
  - c. The use of land is permissible for shelter or refuge (more detail in GB Row 2018 Rules of the Race - at Entry forms on website).
- Time Keeping
  - a. Time keeping will be maintained by the Race Committee.
  - b. For tracking purposes all boats shall be fitted with precision GPS trackers (ie Yellowbrick Trackers), as detailed and provided by the Organising Authority.
- The Start
  - a. The start will be at Tower Bridge, London, with kind permission form the PLA (Port of London Authority).

## 9. THE COURSE

9.1 The event will start and finish at London's Tower Bridge, the course is to be navigated by the participants and will be around the mainland of Great Britain. The race will be adjudicated by Guinness World Records in consultation with the ORS, who may be present at the start and finish. Mainland Great Britain excludes land mass that is attached to Great Britain at low water.



frequency, to prevent a destabilising effect on the competitors. Participating rowers stressed “visits from family should be discouraged in future events”.

## **12. BERTHING**

12.1 Boats can be berthed at the nominated Shakedown Venue (either Premier Marinas, Port Solent, Portsmouth or St Katharines Dock London tbc) for up to one week before the start date. The Portsmouth venue offers each boat secure berthing and parking (boat trailer towing vehicle) in a secure compound, with easy access to the sea, plus unlimited fresh water supplies, full Marine Support facilities (specialist boat contractors, Marine superstore), training area, showers and ablutions.

12.2 After the “final preps period”, above – also called “shakedown” - boats shall be transported by Crew Support teams to the Thames and put into the water as directed by the Race Committee before the start of the race. They will tie up alongside overnight at St Katherines Dock - as notified in the Sailing Instructions.

## **13. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

13.1 All forms of communications, electronic or otherwise are permitted; some are mandated in the Boat Equipment List – see website, Entry forms.

## **14. PRIZES**

14.1 The winner shall be presented with the GB Row Challenge Cup.

## **15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

15.1 Competitors participate in the Event entirely at their own risk. Personal Insurance for the event is mandatory for every individual to compete. Boat Insurance for the event is also mandatory for every competing boat. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the race.

## **16. ANTI-DOPING**

16.1 The Event shall be subject to full anti-doping rules.

## **17. MEDIA RIGHTS**

17.1 GB Row Challenge Ltd is the first owner of all the media rights in the Event and has licensed all such rights to the Organising Authority. No competitor shall directly or indirectly limit the media rights of the Organising Authority in any manner or by any means. Each boat competing shall allocate a minimum of two hours to bespoke media teams prior to the Race to enable suitable footage and media photographs to be acquired before the Race Start. During the Race, each boat shall attempt to present a daily blog to the **gbrowchallenge** website (minimum 100 words daily).

17.2 The Media Team (Organisers) shall present a Media Plan for the event, focussed on the Start. The Media Plan may be presented at the Feb 20 Race Seminar.

**18. DATE OF ISSUE**

18.1 This NOR is dated and issued the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2019.

GB Row 2020 Notice of Race.  
Presented by GB Row Challenge Ltd  
22<sup>nd</sup> June 2019