

Pembroke Regatta Rules

1. The Regatta will be raced from a standing start at the Stump at the bottom of the Long Reach to Peter's Posts. The Course will be approximately 1100m long.
2. Boats will be grouped into Men's and Women's 1st, 2nd, and lower boats. Divisions will be organised depending on entrance levels. Prizes will be awarded to winning crews in each division with more than three entries.
3. There will be marshals at Chesterton, the Railway Bridge and the Plough reach. There will be at least four race umpires including two start umpires, a finish umpire and the senior umpire. **The Senior Umpire's decision is final** in all matters relating to conduct in the Regatta and no correspondence will be entered into.
4. Boats coming down to the start must report to the Marshall at Chesterton at least **40 minutes** before they are due to race. On rowing up to the start they must keep a look out at all times for races proceeding upstream and must pull into the bank upon sighting one. In the interests of safety, failure to promptly obey marshalling directions may result in disqualification.
5. Boats must be at the start and report to the Start Marshall at least 10 minutes before their race time. Late arrivals and boats going above Grassy corner may be disqualified. Boats intending to scratch from their races should make every effort to inform the Senior Umpire of their intentions as soon as possible.
6. A crew will be disqualified after its second false start in the same race.
7. Boats will race side-by-side and must keep to their stations throughout the race irrespective of the position of the opposition. If a boat moves to take the opposition's water it will be warned to move back on station by the Race Umpire. If the warning is disregarded the offending crew will be disqualified.
8. In the event of equipment failure at any point during the race the race will continue. It is the responsibility of the crews entering to ensure that their equipment is in working order.
9. Subject to disqualification, the first boat to pass the finish line with its bow will be declared the winner. A dead heat may be awarded if the distance between the bows of the competing boats at the finish line is less than two feet. This will result in a re-row, which will take place immediately over the full Regatta course. There will be no limit on the numbers of re-rows that can be awarded.
10. In the event of CUCBC raising red or yellow flags, final decisions about racing will be taken by the regatta organisers in discussion with CUCBC officials. Announcements will be communicated via e-mail/web/at Pembroke boat house/verbally to crews at boathouses or on the river.
11. All coxes, in accordance with the relevant CUCBC regulations, must wear lifejackets. Bowballs must be present, and the presence of heel restraints will be assumed, and may be checked on the day. All Concept II type footplates **MUST** be modified in accordance with ARA guidelines. Absence of any of the above will result in immediate disqualification.

12. The emergency stop signal will be a SUSTAINED BLAST on an airhorn. Upon hearing this all crews must stop. The course may be shortened at the umpire's discretion should a houseboat or other such obstacle present itself at the finish line. Emergency medical aid will be provided as required by an ambulance stationed at the finish.

13. In the interests of safety, bank parties are restricted to four persons on bicycles, and the use of loud hailer is prohibited. Repeated disregard of this regulation will result in disqualification of the crew involved.

14. Failure to obey the instructions of a Regatta Marshall at any time may result in disqualification.

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