



# CLARE NOVICES' REGATTA 2018

Dear Cambridge College Boat Clubs,

Entries are now open for this year's Clare Novices' Regatta. The Regatta will be held on Saturday 24th of November. All the information about the Regatta, including the full rules and the online entry system, can be found at <http://www.clareboatclub.org.uk/cnr>.

I am aiming to design the schedule this year such that all boats have all their races in one consecutive period. This will mean that no crew has to go home and then come back later for more races. This will demand less time out of the day for each crew and reduce the need for boat sharing. This should make life easier for LBCs.

Please take the time to read through the rules. The Regatta is the usual format of side-by-side racing over an 800m course. There are four events: Men's Cup, Women's Cup, Men's Plate and Women's Plate. The top crew of each gender should be entered into the Cup and other crews into the Plate, unless you are entering 4 or more boats of one gender. In this case, the top 2 crews enter the Cup. No rower may have rowed or sculled before 1st September 2018 and no cox may have coxed in a race before the same date. Please see the website for full details. If you are unsure as to whether or not a rower or cox satisfies the novice criteria then please don't hesitate to contact me at [claregatta@gmail.com](mailto:claregatta@gmail.com).

To enter crews, please visit the Online Entry page of the Regatta website. The first individual to log in via Raven for each college will be able to enter crews and grant another CRSid the ability to do the same. Entries are £59 per crew and close at midnight ending Friday 13th of November. Entries submitted after this time may be refused and will be subject to an increased fee of £70. If you have any problems with the system, please contact me. Payment is preferably made by direct transfer (account details below) but cheques are also acceptable. Please make them out to "Clare Novices' Regatta" and deliver them to Clare Boat Club, Clare College Old Court by the entry deadline.

There will be a meeting for coaches and coxes on Sunday 18th of November at 19:30 in the Riley Auditorium of the Gillespie Centre, Clare College Memorial Court (the Sunday before the Regatta). Safety and marshalling procedures will be explained and the draw and order of racing will be distributed. All competing coxes must attend, together with a senior representative from their college (such as a Lower Boats Captain).

Given that the race is one week before the Fairbairn Cup, we would like to make row-throughs for senior crews as efficient as possible. If you wish to row-through the event, please get in touch with me to check the best timings for rowing-through.

If you have any problems or questions please email me at this address, [claregatta@gmail.com](mailto:claregatta@gmail.com).

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Clare Novices' Regatta Senior Umpire.

Bank account details for Clare Novices' Regatta : CLARE NOVICES REGATTA

Account number: 60166812 Sort code: 20-17-19

Please put your college, a 'W', 'M' or 'B' (for women, men or both respectively) and the number of boats entered to CNR into the reference box when transferring the entry fees.