



SKIFFIE WORLDS COASTAL ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

6th – 12th July 2025

NOTICE OF RACE

The following should present all the information you require to attend, enjoy and have fun. If you have any questions please contact

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SkiffieWorlds is the World Championships for the St Ayles Skiff class of community built coastal rowing boat. The fifth SkiffieWorlds is being organized by Stranraer Water Sports Association in partnership with St Ayles Skiff International

Please read the entire document to ensure that you and your club are properly prepared.

LOCATION.

Racing will be held in Loch Ryan accessed via the slipway and beach area to the West of Stranraer Harbour Office, Stranraer Marina, Market Street, Stranraer, DG9 7RE. Additional festival activities will be held at our Skiffie Village, Agnew Park adjacent to Stranraer Marina.

GUIDANCE TO COMPETING SKIFFS.

- Skiffs shall comply with the current [Build and Measurement Rules](#), these have been reaffirmed as being in force for the 2025 St Ayles Skiff World Championships
- Racing shall be conducted under the [SASI International Rules of Racing](#)
- Racing held under these Rules is to be fair, safe, and enjoyable for all.

RACE CATERGORIES AS FOLLOWS

- Under 17: Male, Female, Mixed
 - Under 19: Male, Female, Mixed
 - Under 40: Male, Female, Mixed
 - Open: Male, Female, Mixed
 - Over 40: Male, Female, Mixed
 - Over 50: Male, Female, Mixed
 - Over 60: Male, Female, Mixed
 - 280, Average age, Male, Female, Mixed
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- Age of competitors shall be the age in full years as at the first day of the Regatta (6th July 2025)
 - When calculating average ages for the 280 events – whole years shall be used and not years and months.
 - Crews should consist of at least two rowers and a cox from the club that they are representing. Two rowers from other clubs can make up the crew.
 - All competitors shall wear Personal Flotation Devices with a minimum buoyancy rating of 50 Newtons and may be challenged by boat umpires to show that these are being worn.
 - Gender – as stated in the Rules. The gender of a rower is the gender in which they live within their community.
 - Skiffs shall be subject to a weight check and verification for compliance with minimum weight requirements and also shall be subject to a scrutineer check for compliance with the Rules of Racing and equipment required to be carried.
 - All skiffs shall be required to display their assigned Registered Number at the bow on both sides, the Rules state in numerals of a minimum 20 cm tall, however for practical purposes and sighting over 15 lanes, numerals of 30 cm tall are clearer for the Finish Line Umpires.
 - Clubs shall have submitted a pictorial template with their hull colours as registered.
 - Lane draws for each Age Category shall be published and shall be fair and open.

SCHEDULE OF RACING.

Please ensure you arrive in ample time to attend the coxes briefing each day

Sunday 6th July:

- Arrival, Practice Day and Welcome Ceremony

Monday 7th July: (Race day 1)

- 280 Men and Women – Heats and Final.
- 40+ Men and Women - Heats and Final.

Tuesday 8th July: (Race day 2)

- 280 Mixed – Heats and Final.
- U40 Men and Women - Heats and Final.
- 50 + Mixed - Heats and Final.

Wednesday 9th July: (Race day 3)

- 60+ Men and Women – Heats and Final.
- U40 Mixed - Heats and Final.
- 40+ Mixed – Heats and Final.

Thursday 10th July: (Race day 4)

- U19 Men and Women - Heats and Final.
- 50+ Men and women – Heats and Final

Friday 11th July: (Race Day 5)

- U19 Mixed – Heats and Final.
- 60+ Mixed - Heats and Final.
- U17 Mixed – Heats
- Open Mixed – Heats and Final.

Saturday 12th July: (Race Day 6)

- U17 Mixed – Final.
- Open Men and Women – Heats and Final.
- U17 Men and Women – Heats and Final.

There may be minor changes to this schedule, depending on the number of entries for each event.

In compliance with these rules, all crews must be covered by suitable third - party insurance, it is the responsibility of participants to ensure they are duly covered. The responsibility lies with the club to comply with ALL regulations

Any St Ayles Skiff owner/Club can participate using only one skiff per club/group as long as the entry is registered in the event.

Bow Numbers; an upward facing bow number will be provided to each club skiff by the event Organiser's, this should be in place for every race and will assist the umpire team in their race management should drone footage be required to be viewed.

Each Skiff must have a VHF radio able to receive and transmit P4 & M2 (Channel will be confirmed at the cox's briefing)

REGISTRATION FOR THIS EVENT IS VIA THE FOLLOWING LINK.

Registration closes on Friday 2nd May 2025. All Clubs are asked to pay an entry fee of £150, the fee covers the club entry packs and upward facing boat number that is to visible from a drone, as explained above.

Payment Details

Stranraer Water Sports Association Events Account
Royal Bank of Scotland
Bridge Street
Stranraer
Account No: 15056505
Sort Code: 83-27-14

*** Please use your **Club Name** and **Boat Number** as your reference ***

If there is anyone within your club participating that has a disability, please advise the organiser's of their requirements ASAP.

ARRIVAL, STORAGE AND LAUNCHING.

To help Organiser's please complete arrival details in relevant section of your booking form. Upon arrival at the marina, please follow the directions towards the boat yard where skiffs can be stored, please bring a launch trolley if able. Launching will be via the slipway or beach as appropriate, help will be available. Once you have unloaded your Skiff directions will be given to our secure trailer storage area located on the outskirts of town.

On race days, please arrive in plenty of time to prepare your skiff for racing before the coxswain briefing.

Overnight **secure locked storage** with CCTV is available.

The SkiffieWorlds course measures 2km in total. It is a multi-lane course rounding individual buoys (starboard turn) at 1km and returning to the finish line in Loch Ryan – Course map can be found on the SkiffieWorlds website.

Non-racing skiffs should give way to race participants at all times

Skiffs must acknowledge and obey umpire and marshal instructions promptly whether racing or not.

COMPETITORS ARE ADVISED THAT DURING THE EVENT DRONES WILL BE OPERATING AND PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN.

SAFETY AND UMPIRE BOATS.

Stranraer Water Sports Association have provided a Safety Officer, supported by Volunteers, for the event and SASI are providing Chief Race Officers supported by Volunteer Umpires. During racing there will be 2 safety boats on the water, 2 umpire boats will follow the skiffs and an umpire boat will be positioned near the turn line to monitor turns, all will be accompanied by a Race Officers Boat. Participants must comply with the instructions of safety officers and umpires at all times, and must always take due care for their own safety and that of other participants.

Any rowing apart from racing is unprotected by safety boats and at the participants own risk.

PARKING.

Designated parking is available for all participants in the marina car park, other local car parks are available close to the marina area. Skiff trailers will be parked out of town as detailed in the ARRIVAL, STORAGE AND LAUNCHING SECTION

TOILETS.

There are toilets within the Driftwood building in Agnew Park, and porta-loos will be in adequate supply around the beach area, boat house and Skiffie Village in Agnew Park.

REFRESHMENTS.

There will be a range of catering units dotted around the Skiffie Village that should suit all tastes, POP UP Restaurants will be available in the entertainment marquee A town Map that clearly identifying a full range of cafes/ restaurants will be available on the web site. Hard copies will also be available.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME AND FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT.

A full and lively range of entertainment packages will be available in the Skiffie Village to include opening and closing ceremonies and there will be additional entertainment at varying locations around the town, a full event programme will be available for participants and visitors.