

Aberdeen Fours and Small Boats of the River

24th & 25th October 2026

High tides: Saturday 12:55 Sunday 12:31

RULES

(1) Time Penalties

- (a) Crews must be clear of the jetty at least 15 minutes before the start of their division.
- (b) Crews must be downstream of the QE Bridge at least 10 minutes before the start of their division.

Any crew breaching either of these rules will be awarded a 15 second time penalty at the end of the race. If both rules are broken, a 30 second time penalty will apply.

The launching area will be busy, and it is your responsibility to allow for this.

- (2) All clubs must collect their pack of bow slot numbers and disposable paper numbers (to be visible on back of bow when racing) from race control at the ABC Boathouse before racing. Clubs will be charged £5 (each) for any bow-slot number not returned. Any scratchings or crew-changes must be notified in writing to race control.
- (3) Crews will gather in order on the City Bank above the Victoria Bridge with ***the lowest numbers downstream, nearest the bridge***. Boats should normally marshal with bows pointing downstream.
- (4) On the order from the marshal, all crews will strip off and then move down through the Victoria Bridge. Be ready to race as soon as you start moving.
- (5) On command, crews will turn round the moored starting launch by pulling harder on stroke side and holding on bow side. ***Make a tight turn rather than spinning.***
- (6) **The southernmost (Boathouse) arch of the QE Bridge is out of bounds.**
The northernmost (City) arch of the Railway Bridge is out of bounds.
The northernmost (City) arch of the King George VI Bridge is out of bounds
- (7) **Crews being overtaken must give way to faster crews and move to the outside of bends.**
- (8) At the end of the race, all crews must finish near the South (Boathouse) side of the river. They must then move to the marshalling area on the North (City) side of the river. For safety reasons, **crews will only be allowed downstream of the King George VI Bridge (KG6) when instructed by the marshals. Any crew breaking this rule may be liable for disqualification.** All competitors must wait until the last crew and safety launch has passed upstream of the KG6 Bridge before being allowed downstream so take warm clothes with you in the boat.
- (9) Masters events will be handicapped according to standard tables. Any crew which is disqualified will not be informed of their time.
- (10) The race will be held under the rules of *Scottish Rowing*.
- (11) This year, due to tidal restrictions, the race will finish about 100m downstream of the Pack Bridge (slightly shorter course). This is due to a **developing shingle bank** at the traditional finish on boathouse side. **Do not hug the inside of the bend at this point.**

Results will be published on <https://cofd.co.uk>



Aberdeen Head of the River Race – Sunday 25th October 2026

Division 1 11:15

Crew No.	Event	Club	Stroke Name	Mas Status
101	Champ 1x	ABC	Forbes	
102	Champ 1x	ABC	Zbikowski	
103	Champ 1x	ABC	Macdonald	
104	Champ 1x	ABC	Geddes	
105	Champ 1x	ABC	McRoberts	
106	Champ 1x	ABC	Wheeler	
107	J18 1x	ASRA	Martin	
108	J18 1x	ASRA	Renwick	
109	J18 1x	ASRA	Bain	
110	J18 1x	ASRA	McMorris	
111	J18 1x	ASRA	Smith	
112	W Champ 2x	AUBC	Aspinall	
113	W Champ 2x	ASRA	Meakins	
114	W Champ 2x	AUBC	Kerr	
115	W Champ 2x	ASRA	Freeman	
116	W Champ 2x	ABC	Tucker	
117	R2 2-	ABC	Ilyine	
118	R2 2-	DUBC	Walker	
119	R2 2-	ABC	Proctor	
120	J16 2-	ASRA	Johnston	
121	J16 2-	ASRA	Pearce	
122	J16 2-	ASRA	Zeng	
123	Mas 2x (D)	ABC	Blanc	D
124	Mas 2x (D)	ABC	Calderwood	D
125	Mas 2x (F-G)	ABC/	Trythall	F
126	Mas 2x (F-G)	ABC	Bain	G
127	J15 2x	ASRA	Zeng	
128	J15 2x	ASRA	Johnson	
129	W R2 1x	AUBC	Spalding	
130	W R2 1x	ABC	Dzalbe	
131	W R2 1x	DUBC	Dunlop	
132	W R2 1x	AUBC	Smart	
133	W Mas 1x	ABC	McCulloch	E
134	W Mas 1x	ABC	Smoor	C
135	W Mas 1x	ABC	Pirie	F
136	W Nov 2x	ASRA	DeKock	
137	W Nov 2x	AUBC	Wilson	
138	W Nov 2x	DUBC	Anderson	
139	W Nov 2x	AUBC/	Page	
140	W Nov 2x	DUBC	Anderson	
141	W Nov 2x	ASRA	MacLennan	
142	W Nov 2x	DUBC	Bray	
143	Nov 1x	RGUBC	Trythall	
144	Nov 1x	AUBC	Duncan	
145	Nov 1x	ASRA	Johnson	
146	Nov 1x	ABC	Burnett	
147	Nov 1x	ASRA	Macadie	
148	Nov 1x	AUBC	May	
149	W J16 1x	ASRA	Calderwood	
150	W J16 1x	ASRA	Main	
151	W J16 1x	ASRA	Campbell	
152	J15 8x+ (D1)	ASRA	Martin	
153	J15 8x+ (D1)	ASRA	(Slater)	

Division 2 12:45

Crew No.	Event	Club	Stroke Name	Mas Status
155	Champ 2-	ABC	(Forbes)	
156	Champ 2-	ABC	(Macdonald)	
157	Champ 2-	ABC	(Wheeler)	
158	J18 2-	ASRA	(Renwick)	
159	J18 2-	ASRA	(Bain)	
160	Champ 2x	ASRA	(Johnston)	
161	Champ 2x	ASRA	(Cowie)	
162	W R2 2-	AUBC	(Owen)	
163	W R2 2-	DUBC	(Dunlop)	
164	W R2 2-	ASRA	(Calderwood)	
165	Mas 2-	ABC	(Bain)	F
166	Mas 2-	ABC	(Wallace)	H
167	R2 1x	ASRA	(Smith)	
168	R2 1x	RGUBC	(Trythall)	
169	R2 1x	ABC	(Le Maitre)	
170	W 1x	AUBC	(Aspinall)	
171	W 1x	DUBC	(Crabb)	
172	W 1x	ABC	(Van den Berg)	A
173	W J18 1x	ASRA	(DeKock)	
174	W J18 1x	ASRA	(Meakins)	
175	W J18 1x	ASRA	(Marx-Swerling)	
176	W J18 1x	ASRA	(Freeman)	
177	W J18 1x	ASRA	(Oumarou)	
178	W Mas 2x	ABC	(Law)	C
179	W Mas 2x	ABC	(Dzalbe)	A
180	W Mas 2x	ABC	(Ritchie)	D
181	Mas 1x	ABC	(Aitken)	D
182	Mas 1x	ABC	(Worsman)	G
183	Mas 1x	ABC	(Mathieson)	J
184	Nov 2x	ASRA	(Robertson)	
185	Nov 2x	AUBC	(Partridge)	
186	Nov 2x	ASRA	(Atkin)	
187	Nov 2x	AUBC	(Davis)	
188	J14 2x	ASRA	(Martin)	
189	J14 2x	ASRA	(Slater)	
190	W Nov 1x	ABC	(Tarvide)	
191	W Nov 1x	AUBC	(Smart)	
192	W Nov 1x	ABC	(Tucker)	
193	W Nov 1x	ABC	(Mackay)	
194	W Nov 1x	ASRA	(Broadley)	
195	J15 8x+ (D2)	ASRA	(Johnson)	
196	J15 8x+ (D2)	ASRA	(Zeng)	

Start

Start marshalling area

Harbour

Queen Elizabeth Bridge



Only arch 2 is advised.
Arch 1 is out of bounds, arch 3 is allowable but involves a very sharp turn

1 Victoria Bridge



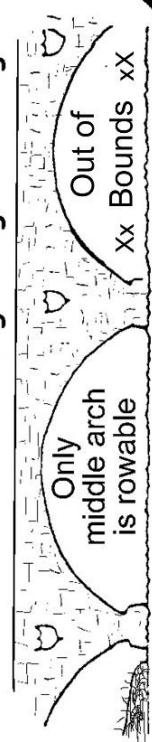
All arches are rowable under Victoria Bridge

3 Suspension Bridge



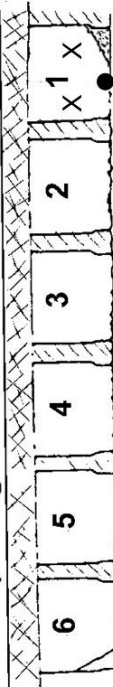
Watch out for rocks here
Also beware that the current can push you out towards the North (City) station as you go under the bridge

King George VI Bridge



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4 Railway Bridge



All arches are rowable except arch 1. Any crew rowing through this arch may be disqualified
NOTE: each arch is only wide enough for one boat. Crews should not attempt to go under alongside another boat.



Finish

(about 100m downstream of Pack Bridge)

Finish Marshalling area

Bothy

Pack Bridge

Beware! Shingle bank

Bridge of Dee

Aberdeen Head of the River - Course Map

Note: bridge sketches are as seen during racing (looking upstream)