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## *Safety Information*

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The Event will endeavour to provide a safe environment in accordance with the maritime Rules of the Road, the prescriptions of the RYA, British Rowing's "Row Safe", Class rules as applicable and all other rules that govern this event. Although participants, coaches and clubs are specifically reminded that every person attending the event, including those participating, or officiating, do so entirely at their own risk and are solely responsible for:

- Their own safety
- The strict observance of the flotilla sailing directions and timings
- Deciding, together with their skippers, whether or not they are competent to compete in the prevailing weather and stream conditions
- Ensuring 'a responsible adult' accompanies juniors competing in the event to assist them 'in loco parentis' and assumes responsibility for their welfare

### **EQUIPMENT**

It is the responsibility of the competitors to ensure that their boats are safe and are prepared to the standards required by their Class Safety Rules and the Event safety and Communications requirements. Participating crews must be prepared for the Boat Flotilla Manager to inspect their boats before proceeding to the Start. Boat Flotilla Manager will be verifying the condition of propeller guards, buoyancy compartments and coxes lifejackets, etc. Boats which fail to meet safe standards will not be allowed to participate.

### **KEY INSTRUCTIONS**

- Ensure you have read all of the Flotilla instructions, and ensure you are knowledgeable of the Emergency and Communications plan before participating
- Ensure you have informed the Festival team by Wednesday 30th August via email at [robjt58@gmail.com](mailto:robjt58@gmail.com) (preferred) or by phone on 01383 872857 with your crew list and Next of Kin information
- Ensure you monitor the FCBC website, social media channels and your email (or telephone messages if you do not have email) in the days leading up to the Flotilla for up to date information and any restrictions due to inclement weather. Our first point of contact with you will be email, if you do not have email we will contact you by telephone.

Feel free to decorate your boat but ensure that any decorations do not affect visibility. Any boat which is deemed to be decorated in a way that may cause offence will be excluded from the Flotilla.

Feel free to document your involvement through our social media channels

(Twitter: [@QueenferryCross](https://twitter.com/QueenferryCross) | [Twitter](https://twitter.com/QueenferryCross); Facebook:

[facebook.com/queensferrycrossing/](https://www.facebook.com/queensferrycrossing/); Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2GKRiYa1SylyQI9QJVXX8A>

- When underway please ensure that you and your crew wear appropriate clothing and equipment for the conditions for the sun, rain and wind.
- Be aware that overcrowded boats may be refused entry to the Flotilla.
- Please bring enough refreshments whilst afloat.

- Ensure the skipper and at least one other capable crew member refrains from alcohol whilst underway.
- Safety inspections will be carried out on boats randomly to ensure that boats are in a seaworthy state
- All crew are advised to wear personal buoyancy aids
- In the event of an incident that involves personal injury or severe illness, or where the boat is in danger and needs assistance, crews should contact in the first instance the Flotilla Afloat Manager on VHF Channel 57
- Ensure noise levels and conditions in your vessel permit you to maintain a proper lookout by sight and hearing as required by the International Collision Regulations
- For all motorised boats please ensure you have your kill cord connected

## Queens Ferry Crossing Opening Ceremony Flotilla Monday 4 September 2017

### JOINING PROFORMA

*complete every box with as much detail as possible*

<b>Boat Name:</b>	
<b>Type of Vessel:</b>	
<b>Identification Sail Number:</b>	
<b>1st named Owner:</b>	
<b>Coxswain/Helm:</b>	
<b>From Port/Sailing Organisation:</b>	
<b>Full Postal address:</b> (Including postcode)	
<b>Home Phone:</b>	
<b>Onboard Mobile:</b>	
<b>Email:</b>	
<b>NOK/Emergency Phone:</b>	
<b>Size of Vessel: &gt; or &lt; 10m</b>	
<b>Flotilla Column</b>	(will be notified)
<b>Any Special Requirements</b>	
<b>Is Berthing required at Port Edgar:</b>	
<b>PLEASE COMPLETE ONE CRAFT PER SHEET</b>	

