

## **Chester Regatta 2021 Announcement (16 June 2021):**

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the Chester Regatta organising committee regrets to announce the cancellation of the 2021 Chester Regatta scheduled for 4th July.

The 2021 Regatta was planned as a limited, invitation-only event in order to minimise travel and COVID-19 exposure. It had been rescheduled from 12th June to benefit from anticipated changes to COVID-19 restrictions. Unfortunately, the changes to lock-down rules announced by the Government (14.06.2021) mean the current restrictions continue, regrettably on our site under those restrictions the 2021 Regatta is not feasible. Furthermore, a restricted travel advisory into Cheshire has been announced and therefore to comply with Cheshire West and Chester Council & Government advice we cannot host visiting clubs.

We'd like to thank the invited clubs who submitted their potential crews well in advance to help with our planning. We've been overwhelmed by all the clubs who contacted us to request entry or to be on our waiting list for this event. There clearly was a great desire to compete on the Dee. We recognise this will be a huge disappointment to our Dee based rowers and athletes from visiting clubs. We hope you can continue training safely on your local waters and hope we can look forward to your support and attendance at Chester Regatta 2022.

The Chester Regatta committee understands that the Dee based clubs intend to try organise a private local Chester-club-only event avoiding the use of shared spaces and undue travel. Our committee have offered to support Chester's clubs where needed and hope this can provide some competitive rowing for Chester's rowers within the limits of the current COVID-19 restrictions.

Chester Regatta (est. 1733) is the Oldest Rowing Regatta in the World. It is held on the beautiful River Dee in the historic city of Chester, and remains very popular. We will be back next year at our more usual date in the first half of June.

Chester Regatta Committee  
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