

Rules & Regulations

As changed for the 2019 WPGC

1. All coxswains must carry a working hand-held portable VHF radio. This must be set to channel 8.
2. All coxswains must wear a buoyancy aid or life-jacket.
3. All coxswains must be at least 18 years old.
4. All crew members must be at least 16 years old.
5. All coxswains must be experienced and observe good seamanship at all times.
6. Any gig not at the start line at its allotted start time may be disqualified. This is at the discretion of the start marshal.
7. For any crew to be eligible for 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th place they must have the same six rowers & coxswain for all championship races
8. In the St Agnes races, any gig over the line after "one minute to the start" is called will be disqualified. No warnings will be given.
9. In the group race starts, any gig failing to obey the start marshal's orders will be given a final warning and disqualification will take place if this is ignored.
10. Any gig touching a safety boat may be disqualified.
11. All boats must steer a proper course. Any zig-zagging to block another boat will result in disqualification.
12. All gigs must stay outside the yellow buoys along the St. Mary's shore on the St. Agnes race.
13. In the event of a collision all crews should make every attempt to disengage. Spinning a gig or taking off the yoke will both result in disqualification.
14. All gigs must finish between the two finish buoys. Gigs nearest the buoys must be given water. Any gig finishing outside the buoys may be disqualified.
15. Any gig not completing a race will not continue in the championship.
16. In the event of a serious safety incident, the race may be stopped by the race stewards.
17. All decisions made by the race stewards will be final.

Amendments to any of these rules will be announced at the Coxswains Meetings.