

Scottish Rowing Beach Events 2026 – Bidding

1. Event Overview

1a. Scottish Rowing Beach and Offshore Championships:

Event date - Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd of August 2026

Type – Two competition days including both beach sprints and offshore races. Potential opportunity for come and try element.

Expected number of people – 150-200 athletes across the two disciplines, approx. 50 -100 spectators. We expect people to travel from across Scotland and the Home Nations.

Event objective – Scottish Championships for both disciplines. Potential to have a development opportunity with come and try activity.

1.b Home International Regatta Beach Sprints

Event date – Friday 18th of September (training) and Saturday 19th of September 2026 (competition)

Type – Training day and competition day

Expected number of people – 100 athletes/coaches, approx. 50-100 spectators. We expect people to travel from across Scotland and the Home Nations. Teams will tend to look for bulk accommodation bookings

Event objective – Providing selected talented rowers and coxswains an opportunity to compete for their Home Nation.

2. Hosting Requirements

Venue Spec –

2a. Scottish Rowing Beach and Offshore Championships:

Requirement	Essential	Desirable
Usable, accessible beach space approx. 50m width and at least 50m from the edge of usable space on the beach to the highest tide point as a minimum.	✓	
At least 400m from the shoreline out to sea for the water course. This needs to be clear of large rocks and other obstructions.	✓	
Toilets within a short walk to the beach (permanent or temporary).	✓	
Shower and changing facilities a short walk to the beach.		✓
Secure area with solid ground for trailer and kit storage. This will also be required overnight.	✓	
Area for volunteer and athlete shelter. This can be a gazebo.	✓	
Area to access drinking water.	✓	
Vendors or shops local the venue for athlete and spectator refreshments.		✓
Access to power/area for small generator to get power to the beach.		✓

Car/minibus parking.		✓
Other local community groups that would be keen to help with the event in some capacity i.e. local schools, cadet groups, other local sports groups.		✓

2b. Home International Regatta Beach Sprints:

Requirement	Essential	Desirable
Usable, accessible beach space approx. 50m width and at least 50m from the edge of usable space on the beach to the highest tide point as a minimum.	✓	
At least 400m from the shoreline out to sea for the water course. This needs to be clear of large rocks and other obstructions.	✓	
Toilets within a short walk to the beach (permanent or temporary).	✓	
Shower and changing facilities a short walk to the beach.		✓
Secure area with solid ground for trailer and kit storage. This will also be required overnight.	✓	
Area for volunteer and athlete shelter. This can be a gazebo.	✓	
Area to access drinking water.	✓	
Vendors or shops local the venue for athlete and spectator refreshments.		✓
Access to power/area for small generator to get power to the beach		✓
Indoor space near the venue to host a Team Manager meeting on the Friday evening.	✓	
Car/mini bus parking.		✓
Other local community groups that would be keen to help with the event in some capacity i.e. local schools, cadet groups, other local sports groups.		✓
Venue suitable for a drone to be flown over the water course and beach event area for live streaming purposes.		✓

Funding - If you think there is an opportunity to obtain funding to support the running of the event, then please include this within your bid. Please include full details of the funding source and any criteria, along with any other useful information. This could be local government or private funding.

Safety/Medical provision – Scottish Rowing will book the first aid provision for the event. We would be open to recommendations for local providers if appropriate. Scottish Rowing will also arrange for the on-water safety, however we would be looking to work with the local club/council to ensure that any provider has the relevant qualifications and knowledge of on sea rescue, and knowledge of the local water. For example, in the past we have used local sea cadets and sailing clubs.

Staffing and Volunteers – It would be the intention that a Scottish Rowing Beach Sprint & Offshore Organising Committee would be responsible for organising the event. We would be looking for support from the local community for knowledge of the local water. This Committee would organise the volunteer sign up and management but any local volunteers that are keen to help at the event would be more than welcome. Any local volunteers from your club/council programmes would also be invited to sign up.

Accessibility and transport links – The beach needs to be accessible to athletes, spectators and staff/volunteers. Kit including boats also needs to be brought onto the beach from hard standing ground. Any public transport links would also be useful for getting people to and from the event.

Accommodation options – Please let us know if there is a good range of accommodation options in the local area for those attending the event and if anyone would be good to approach as an event partner.

3. Responsibilities of the Host Club/Council

- Assist with providing links with the relevant local council departments/contacts to understand the relevant forms/licences/event notices and the associated deadlines that would be required.
- Links to the local community and partnerships, and how these links work with the local council or relevant parties.
- Assistance with link to local volunteer groups.
- Assistance with making the event showcase the venue and local area.

4. Benefits to the Host Club

- Upskilling of club members and local community volunteers for beach sprint/rowing and event organisation.
- Potential income to local area particularly for accommodation and catering/refreshments for the competitors, spectators, and event team.
- Reputation of the local area, club and sport.
- Publicity for the club and local community.

5. Bid Submission Guidelines

To submit a bid for either event please provide a short proposal document covering your venues suitability based on the requirements listed above. We would be keen to hear why you would like to host the event and any ways you would like to make the event unique to your local area. In your proposal, please make it clear which event you are bidding for. If you would like to bid for both events, please state that at the top of your proposal. Please also state in the proposal who the key contact would be for any bid related communication.

6. Selection Process

Bid submission will close on Friday 23rd of January 2026 at 8pm.

To submit a bid please put your proposal in a word document or PDF and email it to office@scottish-rowing.org.uk

Scottish Rowing will email the listed contact to confirm receipt of the bid.

Review and Decision Process - All bids will be assessed by a minimum of three relevant staff members at Scottish Rowing. Each bid will be scored against the same set of criteria, covering both the essential and desirable points outlined in the tables above. Please note that individual criteria may carry different weightings in the scoring process.

Following this initial review, the suggested location choices and their corresponding point breakdowns will be presented to a panel comprising the Scottish Rowing CEO, a Scottish Rowing Board Member, and a Technical Advisor. This panel will conduct a final review and approve the decision.

Bidders will be contacted with the outcome of the bidding process no later than Friday 6th of February.

If you have any questions or would like any further information, please get in touch by emailing office@scottish-rowing.org.uk