

Tees LDS and SBH

Spectator guidance – Where to watch the race?

Each year I'm asked to provide help on where is best place to watch the race. Unfortunately the race doesn't finish at the River Tees Watersports Centre. This is for safety reasons as boats returning to the pontoon would cross in front of boats finishing their race.

There are probably three main alternatives to gain a good viewing point:

- ~~///~~ Near the finish – only a walk from RTWC
- ~~///~~ At the old Tees RC boathouse
- ~~///~~ On the bank about half way down the course

Near the finish – only a walk from RTWC

Take the footpath that runs in front of RTWC and follow it upstream, under the road bridge and round towards the footbridge over the river. You can stand on the footbridge overlooking the finish. Alternatively, you can follow the pavement next to the dual carriageway and bear left at the next set of lights which will bring you back to the waterfront.

At the old Tees RC boathouse

Drive from RTWC back to the gyratory. Take the second exit (straight over) on to the dual carriageway and down to the roundabout. Turn left and then bear left down to a cross roads with lights. Turn right. Drive down here until you get to the bus depot. Park up and walk down a narrow passage to the river.

On the bank about half way down the course

Drive from RTWC back to the gyratory. Take the second exit (straight over) on to the dual carriageway and down to the roundabout. Turn left onto dual carriageway and follow the road round to the right. Follow this road through sets of lights to one roundabout and then another. This second one has car dealerships on it. Turn left here and then straight on. Follow the road past Archers Solicitors to a gravelled area. Park here and follow a path, to the left of the ponds, towards the river.

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