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Board of Jury	The Board of Jury is composed of three members and decides on any correctly lodged protest.
Boat Handlers	The role of the boat handlers is to support the departure and arrival of the crews from and to the beach by handling the boat to reduce the risk of damage or injury.
Bow (or bow seat)	The rower closest to the front or bow of a multimember crew.
Challenge	A rower (or crew) who has been sanctioned or who wishes to challenge the decision of the Judge at the Finish regarding the published official result of their race may lodge a Challenge against that sanction or the published official result.
Challenge Panel	The Challenge Panel is composed of three members and decides on any correctly lodged challenge.
Crew Size	The number of rowers in the crew.
Disqualification	A ruling by officials that an athlete or team has broken the rules of the sport and cannot be considered for placing in an event and in any other event in the competition.
Elimination	A boat is eliminated if it is not eligible to progress to the subsequent round of competition. Eliminated boats are ranked.
Exclusion	The boat is excluded from an event. If any of the rowers are entered in another event, they may compete in that event.
Interference	A crew causes interference to its opponents if its oars, sculls or boat encroach into the opponent's water and cause a disadvantage to its opponents by contact or by causing the other crew to change course to avoid such contact.
Jury	The Jury ensures that the regatta is run in accordance with the World Rowing Rules of Racing and, in particular, that all crews race under the same conditions.
Mixed Crew	In mixed crew events, 50% of the crew shall be eligible to row in women's events and 50% of the crew shall not be eligible for women's events.
Principal Race Officer	The Principal Race Officer shall have substantial expertise in the coastal rowing format and monitors the race conditions including weather and water conditions and their impact on the course.
Race Committee	The Race Committee is comprised of the President of Jury, the Technical Delegate, the Principal Race Officer and the Race Director and shall make decisions in case of weather and water conditions affecting the racing or the race course.
Relegation	A relegation places a crew in the last position in a race where specifically provided in these Rules of Racing.
Re-Row	A re-row is a second running of a race.
Runner	One nominated crew member from each crew shall be a Runner. The Runner at the start may be different from the Runner of the same crew at the finish, but in both cases must be a member of the crew. The Runner runs from the start line to the boats or from the boats to the finish line in accordance with the Rules of Racing.



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Stroke (Seat)	The rower closest to the stern of the boat, responsible for the stroke rate and rhythm.
Time Penalty	A sanction awarded to a crew in breach of these Rules is added to the sanctioned crew's elapsed race time and shall be taken into account when determining the final placings of the crews in that race by the adjusted elapsed times of each crew.

Note:
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