

# Boating Summary



## General:

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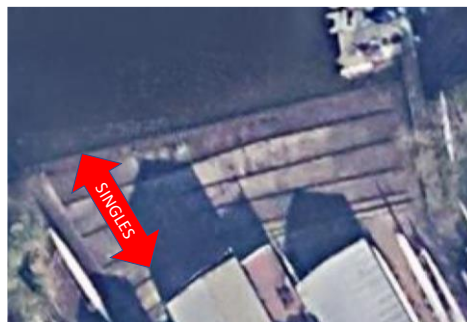
- you have read the Club Boating Safety Plan and RowSafe and know the Club Rules
- you are familiar with the navigation route, the relevant parts (to TWRC) of the Tideway Code and the major hazards in our stretch of the Thames.
- you know how to manage in event of a capsize.

## On the hard:

- Wash down any mud and goose poo before moving boats around (or anything else).

## At busy squad training times:

- leave sufficient space clear for boats to be carried into or out of the bays
- minimise the time boats are on trestles on the hard before and after outings
- singles on trestles at the end of the hard and at right angles to the water's edge



## Pre-outing:

- Ensure that your cox/steer has the sign-off appropriate to the conditions
- Do a risk assessment of conditions – including light and visibility
- Pre-outing safety check: bow ball, hatches, heel restraints, fins and rudders
- Write your crew/boat/departure time on the white board
- Always boat and land with bows into the stream, remembering that the stream normally flows upriver when the tide is rising.

## On the outing:

- Keep regular lookout: Bow steers every 3-5 alternating sides. Coxes check your blind spot.
- Don't hug the bank: leave room inside for paddlers etc.
- Easy-ing: be aware of hazards you may drift onto and allow room for other boats to pass
- Don't spin on the spot: cross over to the new navigation channel and complete the spin facing the correct direction.

## Overtaking:

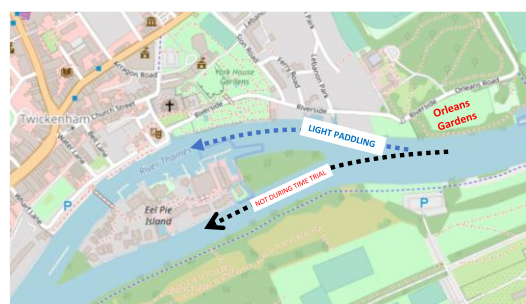
- Whenever possible overtake on the port (stroke) side of the boat you are passing and then only when it is safe to do so.
- "Undertake" ONLY if there is plenty of space AND the way is clear. TELL the boat you are passing on their starboard before making the manoeuvre.

## During the club Time Trial:

- Go up-river on the Middlesex/North side of Eel Pie Island and of Glovers Island, NOT the Surrey/South side.

## Returning to the boathouse

- Paddle light after passing Orleans garden heading up river (finish pieces before then).
- Before approaching to land be sure there is enough space for you on the hard: boats preparing to depart have priority



## Incidents, damage, faulty equipment

- Report any incidents, near misses, bad behaviour or altercations with other river users to the Captains, Safety Advisor or Boatman WITHOUT DELAY and in any case within 24 hours.
- Report any damage or equipment failure to the Captain or Boatman without delay.
- Never go on the water with any deficient equipment hoping for the best.