

THE WINGFIELDS SCULLS

BRITISH AMATEUR SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP AND CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE THAMES



COMPETITORS' INSTRUCTIONS

Scullers must:

Be registered members of British Rowing and familiar with TRRC/PLA code of conduct for rowing on the Tideway. Have an alpha numeric boat identification on their boat.

Attend the umpire's briefing an hour before the start of the race.

Ensure their steerer attends the umpire's briefing. The PLA limits the race flotilla to two launches but has allowed each sculler a following-boat as well for safety purposes.

Marshall between Putney Railway Bridge and the end of the Fulham Wall as indicated on the map.

Obey the umpire's instructions. His primary role is to ensure the safety of all the competitors will not steer scullers unless there is a hazard or collision, failure to obey umpire's instructions may result in disqualification.

Obey the aligner's instructions when marshalling below Putney Bridge so that the race can start fairly as the scullers reach the University stone.

THE RACE

1. The course is the Championship Course from the University stone at Putney to the stone at Mortlake. Competitors must take the centre arches of Hammersmith and Barnes bridges, except that, if four scullers overlap at Barnes, the Middlesex sculler may take the inside arch, if the umpire considers it safe.

2. The start:

Scullers should assemble below Putney bridge under the direction of the aligner five minutes before the start time. They shall drift on station through Putney bridge. When the aligner is satisfied he will raise a flag. The umpire shall start the race by raising a red flag, calling "ATTENTION" and dropping the flag with the command "GO".

Should the aligner or umpire judge a false start, the race will be called back by the umpire calling "STOP" and waving a red flag. The sculler who caused the false start will be warned and disqualified if they repeat the offence.

3. The race:

Scullers should remain on their stations during the race, except that a sculler with a clear lead may steer their own best course, but must return to their station if they lose their clear lead.

Scullers are responsible for their own steering, but maybe accompanied by a steerer on the bank or in a following-boat.

Scullers are reminded the river is not closed for the Championships and due care must be taken of other river users. They should comply with TRRC/PLA code of conduct for rowing on the Tideway and take care around navigation buoys, the boats moored along the Putney Embankment, Dove Pier and by Chiswick Pier.

The umpire may call the attention of a sculler to their steering only if they are about to interfere or foul another sculler, or a collision is about to occur. The umpire may also warn the scullers of an obstruction on the course.

- When the umpire warns a sculler, they shall hold up a white flag, name the sculler and move the flag in the direction in which the sculler should move.

- When the umpire stops the race, they shall raise a red flag and call "STOP".

- When the umpire stops a sculler, but not the race, they shall hold up a white flag, name the sculler and call "STOP".

If the race is stopped before the end of the Fulham wall, it shall restart from the start. Otherwise the race will restart with the scullers aligned approximately as they were when the race was stopped.

Scullers are warned, if the umpire considers a sculler no longer in contention they may be overtaken by the umpire's launch, after due warning.

4. The finish will be signified by the finish judge dropping a white flag.