

Mandatory rules for coxes, steers persons and scullers.

Walton & Weybridge Reach

The river is very busy, particularly on Saturday and Sunday mornings. You must exercise caution at all times, show consideration for other crews and take all necessary measures to avoid collisions. Note: You must not put yourself or other crews at risk when doing timed pieces – the rules below apply at ALL times.

Keep to the correct position on the river

- Keep to the right at all times (facing the direction of travel)
- Keep your blade ends approximately 2m from the bank when going upstream
- Keeping to the right-hand third of the river when going downstream
- Circulate anticlockwise around Desborough and D'Oyly Carte Islands
- Do not use the Sunbury Lock Cut during lock hours. Any crew using the Sunbury Lock Cut must do so with extreme care as it is almost too narrow for two boats to pass safely.

Overtake only when safe to do so

- Slower boats must keep close to the bank to allow overtaking
- Boats must overtake nearer the centre and only when it's clear.
- Boats must not overtake through the bridges.

Warn approaching crews

- Always shout "Look Ahead", "Ahead Four" etc. DO NOT assume the other boat has seen you, whether coached or not.

Stop and turn safely

- Only stop in safe places, where you are not obstructing other boats, and there is clear room to be overtaken.
- Boats must not turn around immediately upstream or downstream of any bridge.
- Only turn the boats around when clear to do so. Turning should position the boat immediately on the opposite side. Do not spin on the spot.
- Do not stop in the Desborough Cut. Any unforeseen incidents should be reconciled quickly and paddle on.