

Steerers briefing text LSC Head 2025

We aim to start our races on time today so please go on the water in good time, checking that your boat is safe, with the right number, and that you are well dressed for the weather and sitting at the start.

You will have target launch times with the starting order.

You must make your way down the far side of the river, on the coxes right, scullers left, all the way to the start. Marshals will be reporting crews and penalties will be applied to race times.

On the way down, you will pass through 3 bridges, from Stranmillis, down the far side, taking the correct arches through Governors Bridge, Kings Bridge, Ormeau Bridge, past the old weir gantry.

Before the 4th bridge (Albert) there is a floating wood and steel platform for nesting birds, marked with 2 buoys. It is an obstruction and you should watch for that!

When you reach the fourth (Albert) bridge, stop there as you have just passed the Start line.

If you are late or slow you will be turned back and stopped from racing. Please follow instructions and make your way back to your slip **with no delay**, keeping well clear of all boats racing.

If you are doing a warm up and want to go back upstream, **turn across the river and keep to the coxes right, and don't go past the old weir gantry. Turn and keep on the coxes right to get back to the start.**

At the start, we want the first boat in each race to be close to the start line, with the 25th boat near the bridge, on the Maysfield side, all ready to race. The 26th boat should be on the other side, bows facing the bridge, through to the 50th boat at the Bryson Pontoon, etc. As first boats are called to start, boats near the back will move down towards the bridge, turn across the river and move upstream to approach the start line. You will be called up in order.

On the way up the river during the race you can take any arch of any bridge, but be mindful of other boats, and do not try to overtake under a bridge because you will just impede other boats and slow yourself down also. If you are being overtaken, give the faster boat the faster course, and you move away from the inside of the bend. Make it easy for boats to pass if they are going quicker. Penalties will be used if we feel it necessary.

If you have a stoppage or capsize stay with your boat and try to get very close to the bank and warn other crews approaching. A launch will come and help.

As you approach the finish on the home straight, there will be buoys up the middle of the river. **Stay on the far side of these, away from the Scullers Balcony, or you will not get a time. Move well up past the finish line until it is safe to turn, at the big orange buoy.** We aim to leave a return lane on the near side, for boats moving back to their slip after racing. If you're doing that, **keep well clear of boats still racing.**

There is not much time between races, so get ashore and get organised if you're in another race.

Catering available at LSC, where you must return boat numbers.

We will publish results as quick as we can after each race, and we will present prizes to winning crews at LSC as soon as possible after 4pm.

Have a good race, and if you do have questions, talk to Gordon or someone on the LSC committee and we will help.

Enjoy your day, and we will see you at a future event.

Thanks.