

Norfolk Sculls 28th October 2017

NOTICE TO ALL CREWS & LOCAL RULES.

Possible Warnings or Disqualification

We are unable to close the river to navigation so it is the responsibility of all competitors to follow the rules of navigation. In particular the Broads Authority Navigation Byelaws state that craft must travel along the river keeping to the right-hand, or Starboard, side of the centre line of the river. Particular care must be taken on blind corners. The Broads Authority insist that we obey the Byelaws so you must keep to the right-hand side of the river (bow-side blades closest to the bank) throughout the race.

The upstream "racing lane" is to the right-hand side of the centre line of the river. (Broads Authority Navigation Byelaws).

Crews being overtaken should give way by moving towards the right-hand bank

Along the course there are two left -hand bends:

- (1) Postwick Corner
- (2) Griffin Marina bend just upstream of the viaduct.(A47).

On these two bends there can be a temptation to move out of the racing lane , "cut the corner" and gain an unfair advantage. There is also a significant risk of collision with other river users.

The Organising Committee has decided that the centre line will be marked by buoys at both bends. Any boat (hull) which is deemed to have crossed this imaginary line may be guided in its' steering by British Rowing Umpires.

The instruction will be "Crew Number (.....) RETURN TO YOUR LANE" and a white flag will be raised. Umpires may assist crews with their steering particularly if :

- (1) There is danger of a collision with normal river traffic.
- (2) One or more other crews are overtaking
- (3) An unfair advantage is to be gained.

The main consideration is that racing should be Safe, Fair and Enjoyable :

Local Rule 1.

A Penalty of 10 seconds, per minute late, will be given to any crew arriving late at the Finish Control point and being allowed, at the discretion of the Finish Marshall, to still pass and race.

Local Rule2.

Any crew that leaves the racing lane will be warned. Lack of action and a further warning, may result in a 10 second time penalty, or, exceptionally ,in disqualification.

Local Rule 3.

If the race has to be stopped repeated long blasts on a Marine Whistle shall replace the usual Red Flag and Bell.