

May Bumps 2024 – Getting on Race

Friday 7th June 2024 --- Notes for Competitors

Marshalling Plan

ALL CREWS to marshal at Baitsbite Lock by 1830.

Crews should spin at the Lock then pull in below the A14 railway bridge, bows upstream, in race order, i.e. Crew 1 furthest upstream and just downstream of the A14 bridge.

ODD numbered crews should pull into the TOWPATH side,
EVEN numbered crews should pull into the MEADOWSIDE.
There will be marshals to assist.

A marshal shall instruct you to push off and row to the start. Crews should overlap bows and sterns to ensure there is enough room for all crews on the bank.

Race procedure.

The Start.

The start is a rolling start. Times will be taken from the upstream side of the A14 Road Bridge, Bows on. The race start will be under the control of a Senior Umpire, approximately 100m below the timing line at the A14 road bridge. They will start you with a “Go”. A horn will sound when the clock for your crew has started.

The Finish.

The finish is the upstream side of the Railway Bridge. Times will be taken bows on, a horn will sound when the clock for your crew has stopped.

Upon crossing the finish line, crews should wind it down but continue to row until the P&E to keep the finish line clear. Crews must follow normal navigation rules at this point, may stop at the P&E but must not impede crews rowing home.

Overtaking. *“cede the racing line”*

Crews being overtaken must concede the racing line. Overtaking crews must make their intentions known in good time for the other crew to respond. Once an overtaking manoeuvre has commenced, crews should keep to their respective waters.

Miscellaneous.

Crew Scratches. → Email committee@cucbc.org

Crews scratching before 5PM on Wednesday 5th June will receive a full refund.

Crews scratching before 5PM on Thursday 6th June will receive a half-refund.

Crews scratching after this time, or not showing up will receive no refund.

Crews which race but fail to get on will receive a half refund.

Requests to race for time only must be made to committee@cucbc.org before 5pm on Thursday 24th February.

Crew Substitutions → Email committee@cucbc.org

Anyone who races in a successful GoR, including subs, may NOT compete for a higher crew in May Bumps.

Qualifying Crews. → Will be announced c.8-11pm.

Of crews which qualify, those who raced bumps last Mays will be put back on in a way to preserve the finish order of Mays 2023. The remaining crews will be randomly placed at the bottom of the lowest division.

The timed results of qualifying crews will not be released.