

CONTROL COMMISSION TEAM

CONTROL COMMISSION UMPIRE

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CONTROL COMMISSION ASSISTANT (optional)

WHAT TO DO

Check that boats meet safety criteria outlined below before launching.

WHERE TO DO IT

In the boatyard.

At Minerva RC, which is situated behind the Boathouse Pub, adjacent to Newbridge bridge. Park either in the Park & Ride on Newbridge Road (east of the bridge), or in the lay-by across from the Park & Ride. Access to the rowing club is via a pathway at the westernmost edge of the Park & Side site.

HOW TO DO IT

Please be in position 30 minutes before the first launch time for each division (as published in the start order). ACRC, Monkton and UBBC boats being checked must join the queue before launching.

It is not necessary to check every boat. Competitors are responsible for ensuring their boats meet the standards outlined in British Rowing's Row Safe document.

Here's what to check:

- Bow Balls – 'a solid ball of not less than 4cm in diameter, made of rubber or material of similar resilience, must be firmly attached to the bows, and the fixing must not itself present a hazard. Where the construction of the boat, or its composition, is such that the bow is properly protected or its shape does not present a hazard in the event of a collision, this requirement need not apply. It is recommended that the bow ball be white as, in most circumstances, this is the most satisfactory colour with regard to judging the finish of a race.'
- Heel Restraints – 'All boats where fitted shoes are employed must have effective heel restraints. These must be properly adjusted (each heel should be prevented, separately, from rising higher than 7cm from the lowest fixed point of the shoe) and in working order. Likewise, the foot release from any other type of fitment that may be used must be self-acting and not require the intervention of the athlete or a rescuer.'
- Front-Loader Coxed Boats – 'Only manual inflating lifejackets must be worn and must allow easy and unrestricted escape from the boat.'
- Condition and General Maintenance – 'If a buoyancy compartment is fitted with a method of closing that compartment, then the fitment must be in place and intact.'
- Junior Crews – Ensure junior crews are wearing suitable clothing for the conditions.

Complete the BR Control Commission Checklist for each boat that fails the initial inspection.

If a boat fails the initial check:

- Move the boat out of the way.
- Refer it to the Control Commission Umpire for a final decision.
- You can inform the crew what needs to be repaired, but must not perform the repair yourself.
- Faults in junior boats must be reported to the appropriate coach.

After all boats are launched, collect the Checklists and pass them to your successor for the next division. After the final division, ensure the completed Checklists are handed to the Safety Advisor.