

LAUNCH TEAM

LAUNCH MANAGER

LAUNCH DRIVERS

LAUNCH MARSHALLS

WHAT TO DO

Launch Manager – Ensure ACRC and MNK launches are in good working order and fueled for the day.

Make sure the launch bags are properly stocked (per British Rowing Row Safe guidelines), and that throw rings and anchors are on board all craft.

Launch Drivers - On arrival, report to Launch Manager. Minerva launch driver to report via radio when they have launched.

All drivers must hold RYA L2 certificate (or above). All launches must be equipped according to British Rowing Row Safe guidelines.

Life jackets are compulsory. **NO Wellington boots!**

Please proceed at low speed (unless attending emergencies), especially near marina entrances and when passing moored craft and rowing boats.

Launch Marshalls – Marshall crews. Please read details below to determine the specific role each launch performs.

WHERE TO DO IT

Refer to attached map.

HOW TO DO IT

Launch A, Assistant Start Marshall

Launch B, Start Marshall

Marshall the crews into start order from the top bridge up to Twerton Lock. Lowest-numbered crews nearest the bridge.

Scullers and pairs/doubles to be marshalled well upstream, double-parked if necessary. Eights and fours to be marshalled closer to the bridge, leaving ample space for turning – especially if there is a fast stream.

Crews to remain with their bows facing upstream until instructed to turn.

When all crews are in place, inform the Starter. (Late-arriving crews may be held at Minerva RC and started at the end of the division – at the Race Manager's discretion.)

When the Safety Advisor has given the Starter the all clear, the latter will instruct the Chief Start Marshall to turn boats for racing. Please allow a short, but safe, distance between crews. 20 seconds is ideal, but use your discretion if you deem a particular crew's competence dictates a longer interval.

All river traffic must be stopped so none are on the course during racing. Both Marinas and the Canal and River Trust have been notified. Please try to persuade any river traffic to wait until all crews have started. If they insist on proceeding, notify the Starter immediately.

Launch C, Safety 1 - Patrol upstream of the bottom bridge, taking over from Launch B to follow the last crew up to the start. You will follow the last racing crew in each division down the course to the bottom bridge, where Launch B will take over.

Whilst waiting for crews to race, please moor up at the Minerva RC slipway unless there is an emergency.

You will be required to attend any safety incidents. The crew, therefore, should be able-bodied and experienced. There may be occasions where crews need to be pulled out of the river and boats dragged behind your launch.

Complimentary refreshments are available for you at the catering tent.

Launch D, Short Course Start Marshall and Safety Launch 3– Launch *before* first short course boat launches and proceed to a position above the bottom bridge, on the downstream side of the river. Working with Monitor 5 on the bank, marshall short course crews into position with their bows pointing upstream, with lowest-numbered crews downstream. Turn crews when instructed by Short Course Starter.

Follow the last short course crew down the course, and wait near the finish until the last long course boat finishes. Then moor up at the club pontoons until the next short course division boats.

You will be required to attend any safety incidents. The crew, therefore, should be able-bodied and experienced. There may be occasions where crews need to be pulled out of the river and boats dragged behind your launch.

Launch E, Safety 2 – Patrol downstream of the bottom bridge, following the last crew to launch up to the short course start. Launch A will take over from you at the bottom bridge. Follow the last racing crew in each LONG division down the course, taking over from Launch A at the bottom bridge. You will not need to follow the SHORT course crews down the river. Launch E will do this.

Whilst waiting for crews to race, please moor up near the bottom bridge. Be aware crews may race through either arch of the bridge.

You will be required to attend any safety incidents. The crew, therefore, should be able-bodied and experienced. There may be occasions where crews need to be pulled out of the river and boats dragged behind your launch.

Complimentary refreshments are available for you at the catering tent.

Launch F, Monitor 10 – refer to job description for Monitor 10. This is not a safety launch, and will have only Monitor 10 on board.

Launch G, Below Rafts – Please be on the water before each long course completes boating, anchoring in the centre of the river below the last downstream pontoon. Ensure all boats turn safely and return to the rafts.

Act as narrowboat lookout. All river traffic must be stopped so none are on the course during racing. Both Marinas and the Canal and River Trust have been notified. Please try to persuade any river traffic to wait until all crews have started. If they insist on proceeding, notify the Starter immediately.

Boats returning to Minerva RC must wait downstream of your launch position. When you see Launch B (Safety 2), who will be following the last long course crew down, it is safe to send Minerva boats back up the river. Any short course Minerva crews must wait until the long course has finished. They may wish to put their boats on trestles at the club whilst they wait.

SALTFORD
ROWING CENTRE

LAUNCH G

AVON COUNTY RC – LAUNCH AND MONITOR MAP (INTERNAL USE ONLY)



M11

M10/LAUNCH F

LAUNCH D (SAFETY)

MINERVA RC

BOTTOM BRIDGE

LAUNCH C (SAFETY)

NEWBRIDGE

LAUNCH E (SAFETY)

LAUNCH B

LAUNCH A

TOP BRIDGE