

RAFT TEAM

RAFT MANAGER

RAFT MARSHALS 1-5

SHOE BAG RUNNERS

NUMBER COLLECTOR

WHAT TO DO

Raft Manager – Guide boats to the next available raft

Raft Marshalls - Assist crews launching and disembarking.

Shoe Bag Runners - Hand out and retrieve shoe bags.

Number Collector - Collect Empacher numbers from returning boats

WHERE TO DO IT

Raft Manager and Raft Marshalls -On the raft to which you've been assigned. Rafts are numbered from 1 to 5 – with 1 being the furthest upstream. Small boats will use rafts 1 & 2. Big boats will use rafts 3-5.

Shoe Bag Runners – Near the rafts

Number Collector - At the gate leading out of the lower car park

HOW TO DO IT

No wellies on the rafts. Life jackets should be worn whilst on the rafts.

Throw lines and thermal blankets will be available near the rafts. Know where they are and how to use them.

Raft Manager – Guide boats coming from Control Commission to the appropriate raft. Encourage passing crews to have someone bring their blades to the raft to prevent them running around trying to find them once their boat is on the water.

All competing clubs will have been warned that crews arriving after their assigned launch time will not be allowed to launch if it will delay the start of racing. Where possible, crews prevented from launching in one division may be allowed to race in a later division. The Race Manager will make the decision, which is final.

Raft Marshalls – Guide boats directed to your raft by the Raft Manager.

Encourage crews to get in and get going as quickly as possible. If they need to adjust foot stretchers (or anything else), ask them to do so once they have pushed off and cleared the launching area.

Collect shoes from crews and put them in the numbered bag the Shoe Runner has handed you. Tell the cox/steerer the number on the bag in the hope they'll remember it when they return. Hand the full bag to the Shoe Runner.

Returning crews should be reminded to remove their blades from the racks as soon as possible, to make room for the next division. Avon, UBBC and Monkton crews are to return their blades to their clubhouses as soon as possible.

Shoe Bag Runners – Give the coach or raft marshal a numbered bag for shoes. When the full bag is handed back to you, place it under the clubroom verandah, preferably in numerical order (this can always be done after everyone has boated).

When crews return, either hand the full bag to the Raft Marshal, or the coach.

Number Collector – Collect Empacher numbers as boats exit the lower car park. These cost **£5 each** so it's important we retrieve them. Some crews will have lost theirs on the course or in the marshalling area. This happens – just focus on collecting the ones you can see.