

START TEAM - SHORT COURSE

STARTER/WATCH TIMER (Team Leader)

WATCH SCRIBE

WEBSCORER TIMER

WHAT TO DO

The Start Team for the Short Course is 3 people as outlined above.

WHERE TO DO IT

Well before your shift starts, report to the clubroom at Saltford to register your presence with the Personnel Manager and make contact with the Start Team Leader. See also the individual notes below about attending the Timekeepers Briefing at 8.45am.

The Short Course Start is just downstream of the bottom bridge, on the Clubhouse side. Allow enough time to walk. There is no vehicular access.

HOW TO DO IT

The Starter/Watch Timer is the Team Leader and is responsible for looking out for and responding to any problems, operating the radio, and ensuring the stopwatch data sent to the Results Team is legible and correct.

Starter/Watch Timer (Team Leader)

Race Control/Long Start/Short Start/Finish/Safety Advisor will all have club-issued mobile phones with the five mission critical phone numbers programmed into them. Please use these when radio relay is unreliable or when you urgently need to contact one of the designated positions.

1. You must attend the Timekeepers Briefing in the Club Room at 8:45 sharp. Instructions will be confirmed, and all stopwatches and Webscorer tablets will be started together at 9am.
2. Position yourself opposite the Start Post (on the far bank). The Starter must stand in the same position for all divisions.
3. As a crew approaches the Start, say "Crew xxx approaching". Then (using the loudhailer) say "Crew xxx NOW", with the NOW as their bowball passes the Start line. As you say NOW, operate the watch, calling out the crew number and time to the Watch Scribe.
4. The Webscorer Timer will press their button on hearing your NOW. So it is essential that this is clear and distinct. In particular, the Webscorer Timer cannot look up from their tablet so is relying on your NOW to know when to press their button.
5. Look after the Webscorer tablet and stopwatches between divisions.
6. After each Division, work with the Webscorer Timer to upload the Webscorer data. The Results Manager will explain how this is done. This will require use of a smart phone with Personal Hot Spot (PHS) connectivity – ensure such a phone is available.

Watch Scribe

1. See reporting instructions above. If possible, attend the Timekeepers Briefing in the Club Room at 8.45am sharp.
2. Fill in the required information at the top of each timing sheet. Make sure you record the colour of the watch being used.
3. Record the crew number and time called out by the Starter/Watch Timer for every crew.

4. If the Webscorer Timer fails to tap a crew into the software, or taps late, they will call out the crew number to you. Make a note for this crew number in the "Tap Fail" column in the timing sheet.
5. If a crew has no number visible, try to record the club boat number from the sticker on the boat (ie, AVN802). If there is not time to do this, just put a ? in the comments column. Do not worry if you cannot. The results team can work out who they are after the fact. But helpful notes make it easier to work out.

WebscorerTimer

1. **You must attend the Timekeepers Briefing in the Club Room at 8:45 sharp. Instructions will be confirmed, and all stopwatches and Webscorer tablets will be started together at 9am.**
2. If you are on the first Division, you will be given your timing tablet at the Timekeepers Briefing. If you are on a later Division, the Team Leader will give you your timing tablet.
3. Upon arrival at the start, position yourself so you can clearly hear the Starter. Wake up the tablet by pressing the small button the right side of the tablet. Be careful not to tap any keys inadvertently.
4. Listen carefully to the Starter, so you know which crew is approaching the Start and are ready to press the button marked with that crew number. Press the button at the exact moment you hear the NOW of "Crew xxx NOW". To ensure accurate failsafe tapping, do not look up from the tablet.
5. Taps sometimes do not register the first time you press. If so, say to the Watch Scribe "Crew xxx Tap Fail". Do not worry about failed/late taps. The Starter/Watch Timer is the backup.