

LAUNCH TEAM

LAUNCH MANAGER

LAUNCH DRIVERS/MARSHALS

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.

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.

WHERE TO DO IT

Refer to attached map.

HOW TO DO IT

Safety Boat 1 (Sailing Club)- Patrol upstream of the bottom bridge following the last crew up to the long course start. You will follow the last racing crew in each long course division down the course to the bottom bridge, where Safety Boat 2 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.

Safety Boat 2 (Sailing Club)– Patrol downstream of the bottom bridge, following the last crew up to the short course start. Safety Boat 1 will take over from you at the bottom bridge. Follow the last racing crew in each LONG division down the course, taking over from Safety Boat 1 at the bottom bridge. You will not need to follow the SHORT course crews down the river. Launch 3 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.

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Launch 1, Above Start Marshal

Launch 2, Start Marshal

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 Start Marshal (Launch 2) 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 of the race. Please try to persuade any river traffic to wait until all crews have started. If they insist on proceeding, notify the Safety Advisor immediately.

Leave kit bag in launch between shifts.

Launch 3, Monitor 6 (Bridge Control Zone)/ Short Course Start Marshal and Assistant – Refer to job description for Monitor 6. 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, marshal short course crews into position with their bows pointing upstream, with lowest-numbered crews downstream. Turn crews when instructed by Short Course Starter.

Leave kit bag in launch between shifts.

Launch 4, Monitor 10 – refer to job description for Monitor 10. This is not a safety launch, and will have only Monitor 10 on board.

Leave kit bag in launch between shifts.

Launch 5, Below Rafts – Please be on the water before each short course starts, 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 of the race. Please try to persuade any river traffic to wait until all crews have started. If they insist on proceeding, notify the Safety Officer immediately.

Boats returning to Minerva RC must wait downstream of your launch position against the upstream bank. When you see Safety Boat 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.

Leave kit bag in launch between shifts.

SALTFORD
ROWING CENTRE

LAUNCH 5

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



M11

M10/LAUNCH 4

M6/LAUNCH 3

SAFETY BOAT 2

M5

M4

M3

MINERVA RC

SAFETY BOAT 1

M9

M7

M8

BOTTOM BRIDGE

M2

NEWBRIDGE

M1

LAUNCH 2

TOP BRIDGE

LAUNCH 1