

Getting on Race - Notes for Competitors

May Bumps 2017, Friday 9th June

Marshalling Plan

Crews should spin and pull in below the A14 Road Bridge. Odd numbered crews will be on the towpath side, with crew 101 closest to the bridge, and crew 129 just above the lock. Even numbered crews on the far side of the river, with crew 102 closest to the bridge, and crew 130 closest to the lock. Crews should spin 'Bumps style' (i.e. get to roughly where you are meant to marshal, as instructed by the Umpires, and then spin and pull in promptly).

Any crew that is late to marshalling will not be permitted to race.

The Start

The start is a rolling start. Times will be taken from the upstream side of the A14 Road Bridge, bows on. The race start will be under the control of a Senior Umpire, approximately 100m below the timing line at the A14 Road Bridge. They will start you with a "Go!".

We recognise that crews may wish to do a standing start at this point. This will be allowed provided conditions are not such as to make holding position difficult (most likely a strong cross-wind). In this case the Senior Umpire will hold crews in/ slightly around the corner to make holding position easier, and standing starts will not be permitted.

The Finish

The finish is the upstream side of the Railway Bridge. Times will be taken bows on. Upon crossing the finish line, wind it down but continue to row until the P&E to keep the finish line clear. Crews stopping should pull into the bay at the P&E to allow those crews wishing to proceed straight home to do so unimpeded.

Overtaking

Crews being overtaken must concede the racing line. Overtaking crews must make their intentions known in good time for the other crew to respond. Once an overtaking manoeuvre has commenced, crews should keep to their respective waters.

Crew Scratches

Crews scratching before 5PM on Thursday 8th June will receive a half refund.
Crews which scratch after this time, or do not show up to race, will receive no refund.
Crews which race but fail to get on will receive a half refund.

Requests to race for time-only must be sent to committee@cucbc.org before 12PM on Friday 9th June.

Crew Substitutions

All crew substitutions should be declared via email to committee@cucbc.org. Please remember that anyone who races in a successful GoR crew may not go on to compete for a higher crew in the May Bumps.

Qualifying Crews

Of the crews that qualify, those which raced Bumps last year will be put back on in such a way as to preserve the ordering of last year's finish order. The remaining qualifying crews will be put at the bottom of the lowest division in a random order.

The timed results of qualifying crews will not be released.