

May Bumps 2023 – Getting on Race

Friday 9th June

Notes for Competitors

Marshalling Plan

Crews Marshalling at Baitsbite

Crews should spin at the Lock then pull in below the A14 Road Bridge, bows upstream, in race order (i.e. Crew 1 furthest upstream and just downstream of the A14 bridge). All crews should fit on the towpath side this year. There will be marshals to assist. A marshal will instruct you to push off and row to the start. Crews should overlap bows and sterns to ensure there's enough room for all crews on the bank.

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!". A horn/whistle will sound when the clock for your crew has started.

The Finish

The finish is the upstream side of the Railway Bridge. Times will be taken bows on, a horn/whistle will sound when the clock for your crew has stopped.

Upon crossing the finish line, crews should 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. Crews should observe the normal navigation rules after racing as other crews may be heading downstream for outings after the race.

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 Wednesday 7th June will receive a full refund. 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 5PM on Thursday 8th 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 Lent 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.