



HENLEY ROWING CLUB

Navigation Rules

Boating at the Club	Boat with bows facing upstream. You must always give way to boats coming downstream. Turn in front of the Club when safe to do so and proceed downstream going through the 2 nd arch from the Berks/Club side of Henley Bridge. Watch out for Leander crews as you go through the bridge.
KEEP to the RIGHT which means KEEP your BOWSIDE close to the bank	Going downstream from Henley Bridge to Hambleden Lock keep to the Berks (Clubs) side. Coming upstream from Hambleden Lock toward the Bridge keep to the Bucks (Town) side.
GIVE WAY	Downstream – the faster boat must move towards the centre of the river to pass the slower boat. The slower boat must keep to the bank. Upstream – the slower boat must move towards the centre of the river to allow the faster boat to pass closer to the bank.
OVERTAKING	Keep a good lookout. The Rules are that the overtaking vessel keeps clear of the vessel being overtaken, wherever they are.
Temple Island	Always pass the island to the right – keep the island on stroke side
AVOID the centre of the river	DO NOT stray into the centre of the river particularly when coming upstream.
STOP or SLOW DOWN	If there is not room for your boat to continue safely, wait until there is space to continue.
LOOK	If you are a cox, bow steering a boat or in a single keep a good look out for other river users. A good rule of thumb if you are bow steering is to look behind you every 4 th stroke.
Turning points	There are 4 permitted turning points between the Club and Hambleden Lock <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. At the end of the island opposite Hobbs boat hire – you must go round the island to come back to the Club. 2. Opposite Leander Club – you must not turn at the 2K finish or HRR finish, but carry on to the slipway opposite Leander. 3. Temple Island – downstream. You <u>must not</u> turn in front (upstream) of the island. 4. Hambleden lock – do not go into the lock cut or near/past the danger sign. Turn opposite the flint house.
Watch out at Upper Thames	UTRC boats will be crossing the river beside their club to paddle upstream towards the Bridge or to come back into their club from the Town side.
Coming back to the Club	Go through the 2 nd arch from the Bucks/town side, keep to this side past Hobbs boat hire and the 1 st island. Cross to the Club between the islands, watch out for boats coming downstream. Stay close to the Club side of the 2 nd island until it is safe to cross to the Club and there is space on the pontoons to land. Rowing down from Marsh Lock, go past the Club and islands, turn at Hobbs and return to the Club as above.
COMMUNICATE	Call out to a crew coming towards you if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • you think they haven't seen you • there is a risk a collision • you should move out of their way but are unable to
ASK	If you are not sure where you should be on the river or how to deal with the bridge or a situation ASK your coach, the captain, the safety adviser or an experienced member. DO NOT follow another crew assuming that they must know what they are doing, even if they look experienced.
STAY SAFE	Even if you think another crew is not in the right place on the river, you must ALWAYS TAKE ACTION to AVOID COLLISION.
BE POLITE	We share the river with many different types of boats and users. Please be polite at all times.