

THE BOAT RACE – LAUNCH BRIEFING NOTES

AT THE FINISH

1. At the finish, there will be a formal launch disembarkation order for both the beach at Mortlake and just beyond the entrance to Chiswick Quay. Drivers are required to follow this order (see below). **“THAMES ROCKET 2”** may move forward to take photographs but must not go upstream of either crew. No other launch may pass ahead of the Umpire’s launch until both crews have paddled away and the Race Marshal has signalled disembarkation can commence. Please do this as quickly as safety allows.

“SILVER DARLING” & “COMET CLIPPER” will move slowly under Chiswick Bridge, keeping as close to Surrey as possible, for passenger disembarkation just past Chiswick Quay Marina.

Priority order for launches to disembark just past Chiswick Quay:

- SILVER DARLING (Sponsor)
- COMET CLIPPER (Sponsor)

Priority order for launches to disembark at the Beach at Mortlake:

- ECOCAT – Umpires Launch
- BOSPOROS (OUBC) – winning crew to disembark first
- AMARYLYSS (CUBC) winning crew to disembark first
- SOLENT RIB CHARTER 2 (Sponsor)
- THAMES ROCKET 2 (Press)*

* THAMES ROCKET 2 will be carrying Press / photographers who may wish to remain on the river to get some final shots.

After disembarking at the beach, launches must make their way to the upper end of Chiswick Quay Marine to wait until the end of the Trophy Presentation at c. 16:00 & 16:10, before returning to the beach to embark to return to Putney.

2. A medic (Jerry Mitchell) will be positioned in a tin fish above Chiswick Bridge and will be in position for all Races.
3. Drivers must adhere to the speed limit on the return to Putney.

Race Day Schedule 2023 (all launches):

Embark Time	Launch	Passenger Capacity	Location
08:30	Oecat – start workboat available		Putney
12:30	Elizabethan – Cambridge University		
12:30	Erasmus Moored – Oxford University		
12:00	Charlie Lima – BBC camera boat – WBR	8	Putney Pier
	Sarahanne – BBC tech boat – WBR	6	
	Bravo Lima – BBC Drone boat – WBR	12	Quintin
	Romeo Lima – BBC Drone boat 2 – warm up zone	6	Quintin
14:30	Marine Film 1 Finish taxi to finish	9	Vesta RC
	Marine Film 2 – takes Finish line team to finish	5	Vesta RC
14:45	Salient – Oxford Alumni		Putney Pier
15:10	Canary Wharf IV – sponsor – WBR	12	Putney Pier
	Orion Clipper – sponsor – WBR	12	Putney Pier
	Thames Rocket 1 – Press – WBR	12	Vesta RC
	Amaryllis – CUBC W – WBR	7	Vesta RC
	Bosporos – OUWBC – WBR	8	Vesta RC
	Solent Rib 1 – Sponsor – WBR	9	Vesta RC
15:15	Ecocat – Umpire launch - WBR	8	Vesta RC
15:30	PLA Easthaven – Umpire launch – OB	3	Vesta RC
	Tin Fish – Reserve umpire & timekeeper – OB	2	Vesta RC
	Tin Fish – OUWBC – OB	1	Vesta RC
	Tin Fish – CUBC W - OB	1	Vesta RC
15:40	PLA Crane – Umpire launch – IG	3	Vesta RC
	Tin Fish – Reserve umpire – IG	2	Vesta RC
	Tin Fish – OUWBC – IG	2	Vesta RC
	Tin Fish – CUBC W - IG	2	Vesta RC
16:00	THE WOMEN'S BOAT RACE		
16:15	OSIRIS BLONDIE RACE		
16:20	Silver Darling – Sponsor – MBR	12	Putney Pier
	Comet Clipper – Sponsor – MBR	12	Putney Pier
	Thames Rocket 2 – Press – MBR	12	Vesta RC
	Solent Rib 2 – Sponsor – MBR	9	Vesta RC
16:30	ISIS GOLDIE RACE		
16:40	Amaryllis – CUBC W – MBR embark / WBR disembark	7	Vesta RC
16:40	Bosporos – OUWBC – MBR embark / WBR disembark	8	Vesta RC
16:40	Umpire / Assistant Umpire to embark start workboat to meet Ecocat on water- MBR		On water
17:00	THE MEN'S BOAT RACE		
18:00 – 18:30	All launches in Mortlake return to Putney with passengers		
18:30	Passengers arrive Putney (warning, high tide 18:30)		
18:00	Erasmus passengers depart		

Drivers of the coaches launches for Osiris Blondie and Isis Goldie must join the flotillas from opposite Thames Rowing Club to avoid washing down Men's crews boating at 16:12 and 16:15



Flotilla plan / formation Women's Boat Race:

The Boat Race Launch Formats										
The Women's Boat Race 2023										
								* returns for the Men's Boat Race		
MIDDLESEX BANK										
← To Mortlake								To Putney →		
Row -1	Row 0	Row 1		Row 2		Row 3				
		SARAHANNE *	BBC Tech Boat	Orion Clipper	Sponsor (Gemini)	RNLI				
			6	(Thames Clipper)	12					
		Solent Rib 1	Sponsor							
			9							
		AMARYLLIS *	Cambridge	Canary Wharf IV	Sponsor					
		(Cambridge)	7	(Thames Clipper)	12					
Middlesex Crew										
	ECOCAT *	Umpire								
	(Carless)	8								
Surrey Crew						RIB (MPU)				
		BOSPOROS *	Oxford / 1x reserve umpire							
		(Oxford)	8							
		CHARLIE LIMA *	BBC	Bravo Lima *	Drone boat					
	(Livetts)	8	Thames Rocket 1	(Livetts)						
			(Thames Rocket)	12						
← To Mortlake								To Putney →		
SURREY BANK										



Flotilla plan / formation Osiris - Blondie

The Boat Race Launch Formats							
Osiris Blondie 2023							
MIDDLESEX BANK							
← To Mortlake				To Putney →			
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Row 1							
QUINTIN BC Tin Fish Reserve Umpire & Timekeeper 3							
OUWBC Tin Fish Oxford (OUWBC) 2							
Middlesex Crew		EASTHAVEN Umpire, Asst Umpire & Live Stream PLA 3					
Surrey Crew		CUWBC Tin Fish Cambridge (CUWBC) 2					
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← To Mortlake				To Putney →			
SURREY BANK							



Flotilla plan / formation Men's Boat Race:

The Boat Race Launch Formats				
The Men's Boat Race 2023				
MIDDLESEX BANK				
← To Mortlake				To Putney →
Row -1	Row 0	Row 1	Row 2	Row 3
		SARAHANNE BBC Tech Boat 6		RNLI
		Solent Rib 2 Sponsor 9	Comet Clipper Sponsor (Gemini) (Thames Clipper) 12	
		AMARYLLIS Cambridge / 1x reserve umpire (Cambridge) 7	Silver Darling Sponsor (Thames Clipper) 12	
Middlesex Crew				RIB (MPU)
	ECOCAT Umpire (Carless) 8			
Surrey Crew		BOSPOROS Oxford (Oxford) 8		PLA
		Thames Rocket 2 Press (Thames Rocket) 12	Bravo Lima Drone boat (Livetts)	
CHARLIE LIMA BBC (Livetts) 8				
← To Mortlake				To Putney →
SURREY BANK				