

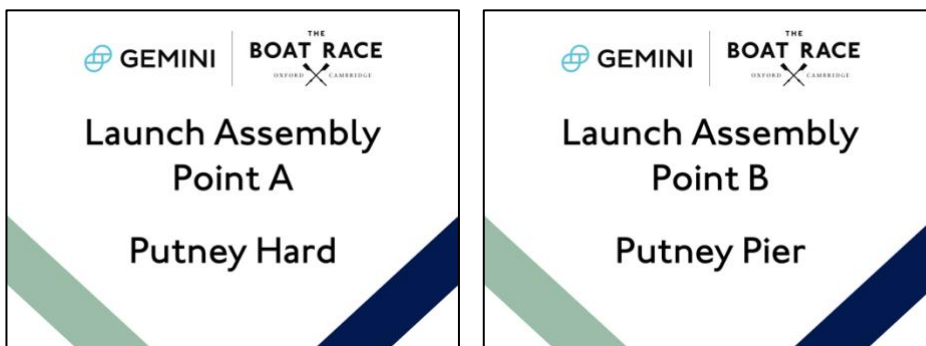
**Information for Launch Passengers following The Women’s Boat Race on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

1. **We advise you to wear warm, waterproof clothing and flat comfortable shoes.** You will be out on the water for up to an hour. It can get cold, so please wrap up warm!
2. Please ensure you have your press launch pass on the black lanyard with you before you approach the launch embarkation area on Race Day. **You will not be permitted to board your launch without your pass.** Passes must be collected from Ranelagh Sailing Club from Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March to Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March, unless you are attending events at Thames Rowing Club and London Rowing Club where you can collect your pass on arrival at the venue.

Example launch pass:



3. Passengers are to assemble at ‘Assembly Point A’ (Putney Hard, opposite Vesta Rowing Club on Putney Embankment) and ‘Assembly Point B’ (Putney Pier). The areas will be marked with an ‘Assembly Point’ sign (design below and map at end of document) and will be managed by official Boat Race Volunteers. You will be asked to show your pass to enter the area / join the Pier and any bags in your possession will be checked by a steward. If possible, please do not take bags on launches as this will speed up the process to load passengers on to launches.



4. Launches will embark promptly and possibly ahead of time, therefore please ensure you are at your designated Assembly Point in good time and no later than the designated assembly time.
5. The assembly point and timings specific to each launch are as follows:

**Assembly Point A**

Putney Hard, opposite Vesta Rowing Club on Putney Embankment:

LAUNCH	ASSEMBLY TIME	EMBARKATION TIME
Thames Rocket 1 – Press (12)	15:10	15:20
Please note that official race photographer/videographer has priority (ROW360)		

6. Please listen carefully to your launch driver’s safety briefing and follow their instructions at all times. Passengers must stay seated throughout. Lifejackets will be provided in each launch. You must wear a lifejacket in line with the Port of London Authority (PLA) safety regulations. Please ensure you return your lifejacket before disembarking the launch at the Finish Area.
7. Launch guests will disembark and depending on which pass you have, you will be directed to one of two hospitality spaces by our volunteer team, or the press centre if you are on the press launch. Please ask our friendly volunteers and stewards for these locations if you are unsure where to go.
8. Post the trophy presentation to the winners of The Women’s Boat Race and The Men’s Boat Race launches will be available to return to Putney. Launches can be embarked from the same location as per arrival at the Finish Area. You should return to Putney on the same launch you arrived on. If you are not planning to return by launch, please let your driver know when disembarking at the finish. Launches will depart at 18:00.

9. Key Timings

15:10	Passengers to be at assembly points
16:00	The Women’s Boat Race starts
16:15	Osiris Blondie Race starts
16:25	Approximate time launches arrival at the Finish Area
16:30	Isis Blondie Race starts
17:00	The Men’s Boat Race starts
17:30	The Women’s Boat Race & The Men’s Boat Race Trophy Presentations
18:00	The Boat Race Hospitality closes at the Finish
18:00	Launches return to Putney

Map of assembly points:





