

## **DETAILED MARSHALING INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPETITORS**

These instructions set out in detail the intended marshalling arrangements for the 2021 Wallingford Long Distance Sculling Head. These notes should be studied by all competitors, along with the supplied maps.

The marshalling area starts at the railway bridge, approximately 500m downstream of the start, and extends for a further 1800m downstream (see attached map). Competitors will be guided downstream by officials on the bank between the start and the railway bridge, and will be marshalled by officials in launches downstream of the bridge.

Crews are assigned to a start "Group" and their correct marshalling positions are as follows:

<b>Group</b>	<b>Marshalled between buoys</b>	<b>Launch Marshal</b>	<b>Crews Division 1</b>	<b>Crews Division 2</b>
A	A & B	L1	1 to 25	150 to 162
B	B & C	L2	26 to 55	163 to 195
C	C & D	L3	56 to 100	196 to 247
D	D & E	L4	101 to 149	248 to 296

Large buoys showing the letter "A" (or "B" etc) will be deployed against the east bank. Crews should assemble against the east bank, facing upstream in numerical order with the first numbered crew in each group alongside the buoy with that group's letter (i.e. Crew 1 should be alongside buoy "A", crew 26 alongside buoy "B" etc). Keep your bows pointing out from the bank if the wind is blowing you onto the bank. Some overlap between adjacent crews should be expected.

Marshals in launches will be positioned by the west bank, mid-way between buoys as in the table above, to assist you to find your correct location. Crews should not go beyond buoy "F".

**All competitors must be downstream of the railway bridge before the first crews will be allowed to move back up towards the start.**

The Chief Marshal will advise all Launch Marshals, who will advise you, when there is approximately 4 minutes to go until the start. At this time Group A crews should remove any surplus kit, if required, and ensure they are ready to go. Group A crews will then be instructed by the Chief Marshal and L1 when to move up to the start. Please keep within 3 lengths of the crew ahead of you.

While Group A is paddling up through the railway-bridge and past the islands to reach the start, all the other Groups will also move upstream in the marshalling area. Each group will be instructed when to stop to remove any excess kit. There will be a gap of 5 minutes between Groups A and B, and between Groups B and C, in both Divisions. Other gaps may also be inserted to help with the flow of crews to the start. It is likely that you will have to stop under instruction from bank marshals between the railway bridge and the start.

Stay alert and focussed throughout please. Listen for and react immediately to instructions from marshals, for example be quick when you strip off excess kit and be ready to go at short notice.

**Remember, the start is 500m upstream of the railway bridge. Do not start racing until you have rounded the corner upstream of the islands and hear the starter say; "Number xxx – go"!**

**After which, good luck and enjoy the race!**