

HAMPTON COURT CHALLENGE

SAFETY RULES

The organisers expect that each club or individual will carefully evaluate conditions and not go afloat unless they are sufficiently experienced competent and fit to do so safely. Also, that the boat is fit for purpose.

Everyone involved at this event at all levels and in all roles do so within the recommendations of British Canoeing Paddlesafer as applicable to outrigger canoeing – [link to Paddlesafer document](#).

The organisers will monitor conditions leading up to the race and if necessary, will post updates on our Facebook page (ROCC Royal Outrigger Canoe Club) from the Wednesday before the race onwards <https://www.facebook.com/roccroyaloutrigger> .

SAFETY RULE 1. Canoeing is a non-contact sport and competitors shall race in a safe and fair manner.

SAFETY RULE 2. Racing shall be conducted in a manner that considers the safety of officials, spectators, paddlers and members of the public.

SAFETY RULE 3. The penalty for infringing any safety rule, or disregarding instructions from an appointed race official, is disqualification from the race.

SAFETY RULE 4. All competitors must go to the aid of another craft if they are in difficulty/distress

SAFETY RULE 5. Boats must be steered in a way that does not deliberately impede another craft and avoid collisions. Dangerous steering will be grounds for disqualification.

SAFETY RULE 6. All competitors, officials and others must abide by EA navigation rules. In particular byelaw 34 crossing the river. At the turn all competitors crossing the river must be alert to any craft whose path they may cross and to avoid collision.

SAFETY RULE 7. If there is an overlap heading into the turn (on reaching the flag on the righthand bank), the crew that is ahead has priority and other craft must give way. Not giving way or impeding the leading craft could result in disqualification

SAFETY RULE 8. If you retire you MUST notify the nearest marshal and text race control as soon as is safe to do so

SAFETY RULE 9. Report any incident to the nearest marshal

SAFETY RULE 10. Mobile phones in waterproof cases to be carried in every boat with emergency number stored in there

SAFETY RULE 11. All OC6 must have a suitable bucket and bailer tied into the boat and also carry spare rubbers or similar for emergency repair to rigging. V1 must carry a bailer tied into the boat.

SAFETY RULE 12. Buoyancy aids must be worn if required by the Race Organiser.

SAFETY RULE 13. No wellies to be worn in the boat

SAFETY RULE 14. SUPS must have leashes attached

SAFETY RULE 15. No earphones to be worn when racing.

SAFETY RULE 16. All turns are anti-clockwise

SAFETY RULE 17. In the 12 km race, all craft will pass to the right of Ravens Ait upstream and to the right downstream.

SAFETY RULE 18. All craft pass to the right of Steven's Eyot (Tea Pot) upstream and to the left downstream.