



YCRC NAVIGATION TRAINING

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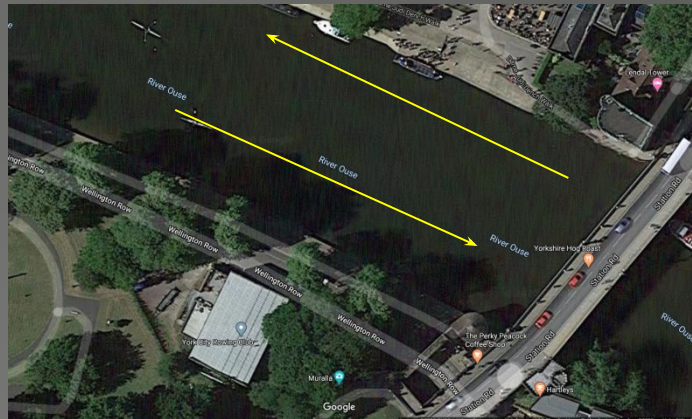
INTRODUCTION

- ▶ YCRC row on the River Ouse from our clubhouse in the centre of York.
- ▶ We have a 24 km stretch of rowable river, with 15 km upstream to Linton Lock and 9 km downstream to Naburn Lock.
- ▶ We share this stretch of the Ouse with four other rowing clubs; St Peter's School, Guy Fawkes and York St John University upstream and The University of York downstream.
- ▶ We also share the river with City Cruises York, the Red Boats, sailing and kayaking clubs and many private pleasure craft, big and small.
- ▶ It is important that you read and understand this document to ensure that you can have fun and be safe out on the river.



GENERAL NAVIGATION

- ▶ When out rowing on the river, you must always row on the right hand side of the river based on direction of travel.



- ▶ When boating, crews traveling upstream must cross immediately to the correct side of the river. Foot stretchers and kit are only to be adjusted once on the correct side



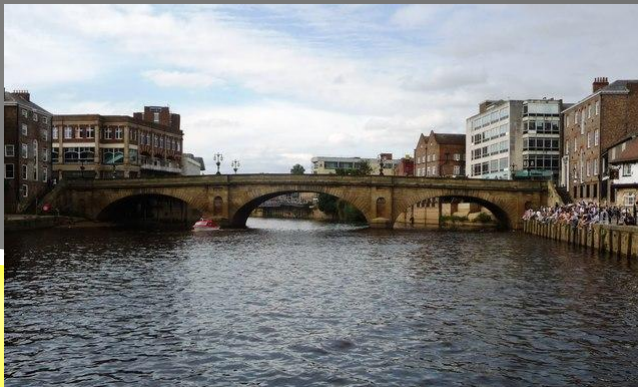
GENERAL NAVIGATION

- ▶ Crews must always abide by Navigational Bye Laws.
- ▶ Crews must remain on the correct side of the river at all times. Any crews wishing to overtake a slower moving vessel may only do so with a clear line of sight, where there are no oncoming vessels and never in the vicinity of a bend or a bridge. They must return to their correct station as soon as they are past.
- ▶ Crews may race side by side only with the presence of a launch. If there is an oncoming vessel, the crew on the incorrect side is to slow down and tuck in behind the other crew regardless of position within the race.
- ▶ There is to be no side by side racing around blind bends or through bridges

GENERAL NAVIGATION BRIDGES



- ▶ There are several bridges with buttresses in the river, under which we must navigate. The rules for these are below:
 - ▶ Ouse Bridge and Skeldergate bridge, all crews use central span. Vessels proceeding downstream have priority, do not pass under the bridge.
 - ▶ Clifton Bridge, crews proceeding upstream use central span, crews proceeding downstream use right hand span in the direction of approach.
 - ▶ All other bridges, crews to use the right hand arch as they approach.



Ouse Bridge



Skeldergate Bridge



Clifton Bridge

GENERAL NAVIGATION TURNING



- ▶ Any crews wanting to turn must only do when they have clear line of sight in both directions and the area is clear of all oncoming crews.
- ▶ Crews must not spin within 100m either side of a bend for visibility to oncoming crews.
- ▶ Crews must not spin within 100m either side of a bridge for visibility to oncoming crews and to avoid being swept onto a buttress.
- ▶ Once turned, crews should proceed immediately to the correct side of the river

SPECIFIC RULES VICINITY OF BOATHOUSE



- ▶ Special navigation rules are enforced by YCRC in the section of river between Clifton Bridge and Lendal Bridge.
- ▶ No crews may race side by side in this area.
- ▶ No crews may undertake firm pressure pieces between Scarborough Railway Bridge and Lendal Bridge.
- ▶ Crews intending to land at the YCRC steps must follow the circulation pattern detailed later in this document.
- ▶ The only exceptions to the landing rules are beginner singles under the guidance of a land based coach. In this situation it is the responsibility of the coach to ensure the safety of these scullers and other crews.

SPECIFIC RULES LANDING



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CITY CRUISES SIGNALS



- ▶ City Cruises York have a fleet of large river cruisers which operate mostly in town, but do venture further downstream to Acaster Malbis.
- ▶ All crews must be aware that visibility from these vessels can be limited. Because of this, they operate a warning system using the horn, as below:
 - ▶ 1 blast – I am turning to starboard (right)
 - ▶ 2 blasts – I am turning to port (left)
 - ▶ 3 blasts – I am moving astern (backwards)
 - ▶ 4 short blasts (followed by 1, 2 or 3) - I am about to alter course
 - ▶ 5 (or more) short blasts - Danger, I do not understand your intentions.

Remember, in a collision, these vessels will always come out on top , so always give way, even if you believe they are in the wrong!



COMPLETE

- ▶ Thank you for reading. Remember, if you have any questions regarding the safety and navigation rules, speak to your Captain or the Club Safety Officer.
- ▶ When out on the water, it is your responsibility to ensure the safety of yourselves and others. Training and performance must always come second to safety.