

Summer Waterside 2021 Briefing

Runs continuously on loop

Lasts 1 minute

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Course and Conditions

- **Narrow Boat traffic**
- **INCREASED NUMBERS**
- Keep River right
- Give them plenty of room
- *Wait to pass if they are overtaking or passing other craft unless there is clearly enough room for all*
- *Some Places the canal width is restricted by reeds*

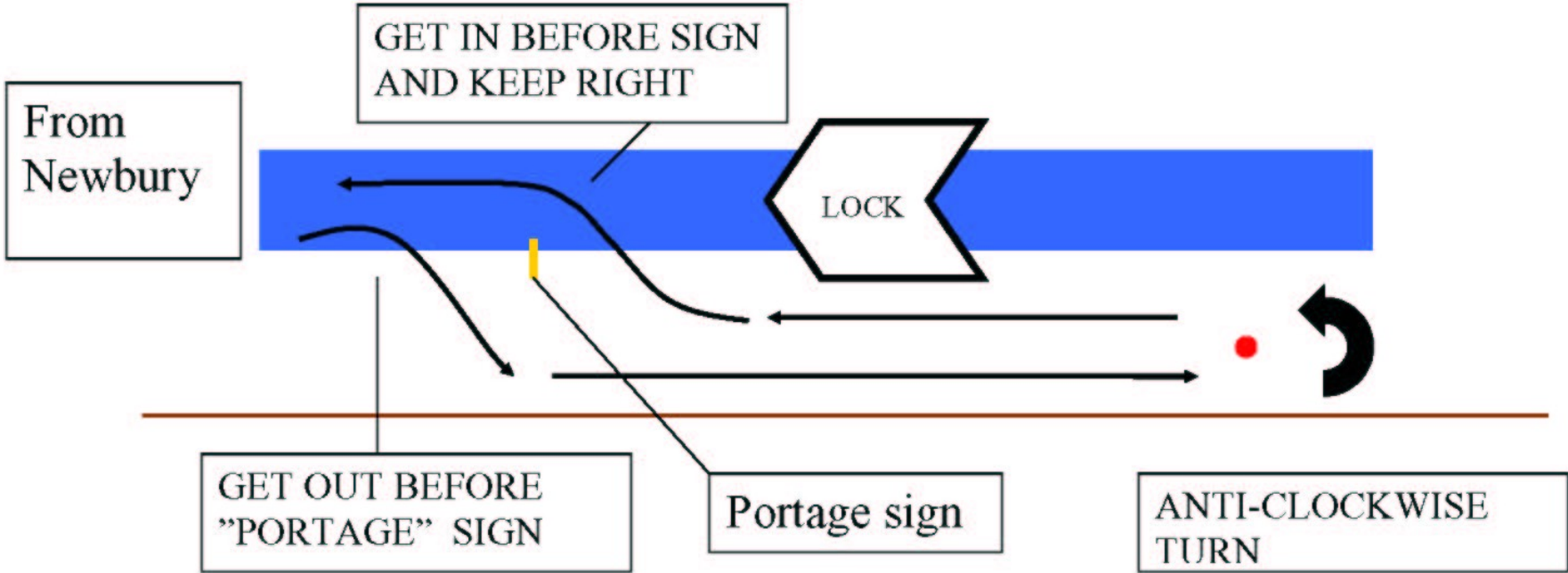
Course and Conditions

- NO ICE !!!!!
- Lower than usual water levels
- Bulls lock - *Compulsory Portage*
- *Other low bridges please take care*

Start / Turn / Finish

- Pre-Start above A339 Road Bridge
- **Start** below A339 Road Bridge
- **Turn** At Aldermaston is a PORTAGE turn – you get out and run round the turn with your boat *ANTICLOCKWISE* – Keep RIGHT
- **Finish** just before A339 Bridge

Waterside B Turn at Aldermaston Wharf



Safety

- Make yourself familiar with the course
- If a queue forms (anywhere on course) do not barge through – **queue in the order you arrived.**

This is important under Covid separation rules

- Follow all marshal instructions
- Wear appropriate foot ware

RIVER Safety

- Downstream - keep to the middle.
- Upstream - keep to the sides.
- It is the duty of overtaking paddlers to keep clear of those being overtaken.

This applies on the water and at portages.

- ***Be aware there will be a lot of passing in this race.***
- ***Beware of Narrow Boat Traffic***

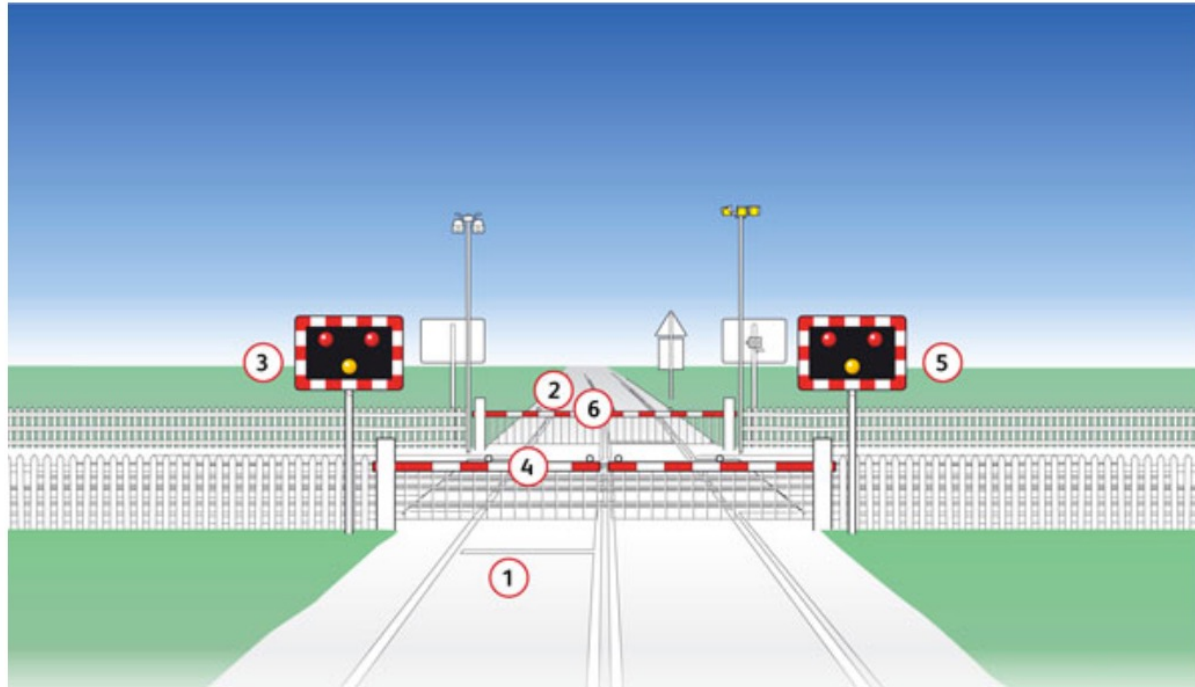
Support Crews

- Park **legally** and **considerately**
- Do not block *Level Crossings* at any time
- *Do not cross on foot, a closed level crossing*
- *Your CREW can be penalised if you behave inappropriately*
- *No Parking :-*
 - *at the Rowbarge Pub – Patrons only*
 - *at the The Butt Inn - Aldermaston*

Barrier crossings

These crossings have barriers that either cover the whole road or half the road, as well as warning lights and an alarm.

Full barrier crossings



Driving

1. Drive carefully up to the crossing and be ready to stop behind the white line.
2. Before entering the crossing ensure your exit is clear.
3. If the amber light is on or the red lights are flashing you must stop behind the white line.
4. If you have already crossed the white line when the amber light comes on, keep going.
5. If the red lights keep flashing after a train has passed wait – another train is coming.
6. Only cross when the barriers are fully raised and the lights go off.

Pedestrians

- If you hear the alarm do not cross, if you are already on the crossing, keep going.
- Stop in a safe place outside the barrier until the barrier is raised and the lights go off – there will often be a white line showing you where to wait. Some crossings have tactile paving so if you are blind or partially sighted you know where to wait.

Thank you for your attention

Have a great race !!

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