

Turning around the Buoy

Crews shall race in Lane 3 towards the Start. About 50 metres before they reach the Start Line, they must turn around a buoy positioned in Lane 2 and shall then race back in Lane 1 to the Finish Line where their elapsed time will be recorded. An additional warning buoy is installed approximately 20 metres before the turning buoy, to alert crews that they are approaching the turning buoy. Crews must turn around the second of these buoys.

Overtaking Boats

If a boat catches a crew that has started before them, the slower boat in front must move aside to their stroke side (port side) to allow the faster crew to pass. After the faster boat has passed them the slower boat must immediately move back into the racing lane and continue racing. When approaching the turning buoy, the boat passing another slower boat shall have priority. The slower boat must make enough room and not interfere with the faster boat during the turn.

No boat shall hinder or cause interference to another boat which is passing them.

No boat shall enter Lane 2 except during the turn.

Umpires

➤ Umpires will be stationed along the course. They will be responsible for checking that any overtaking by crews is carried out in the correct manner and to ensure that crews turn correctly around the buoy.

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