

# Wycliffe Big Head Course Map

Course Length - 4500m

## Summary of Safety Instructions

All boats may be checked by the Control Commission before being allowed to go afloat. Please make sure before approaching the stages that all boats:

- \* have an approved ball securely attached to the bow
- \* have secure hatches/bungs for all buoyancy compartments
- \* have no holes in the canvases
- \* have secure heel restraints for all rowing/sculling shoes

All coxswains should be wearing an approved lifejacket or buoyancy aid. Coxswains of front loading boats must wear a lifejacket which will not inflate or provide buoyancy until the wearer is clear of the boat.

All members of the crew must be adequately dressed for winter conditions.

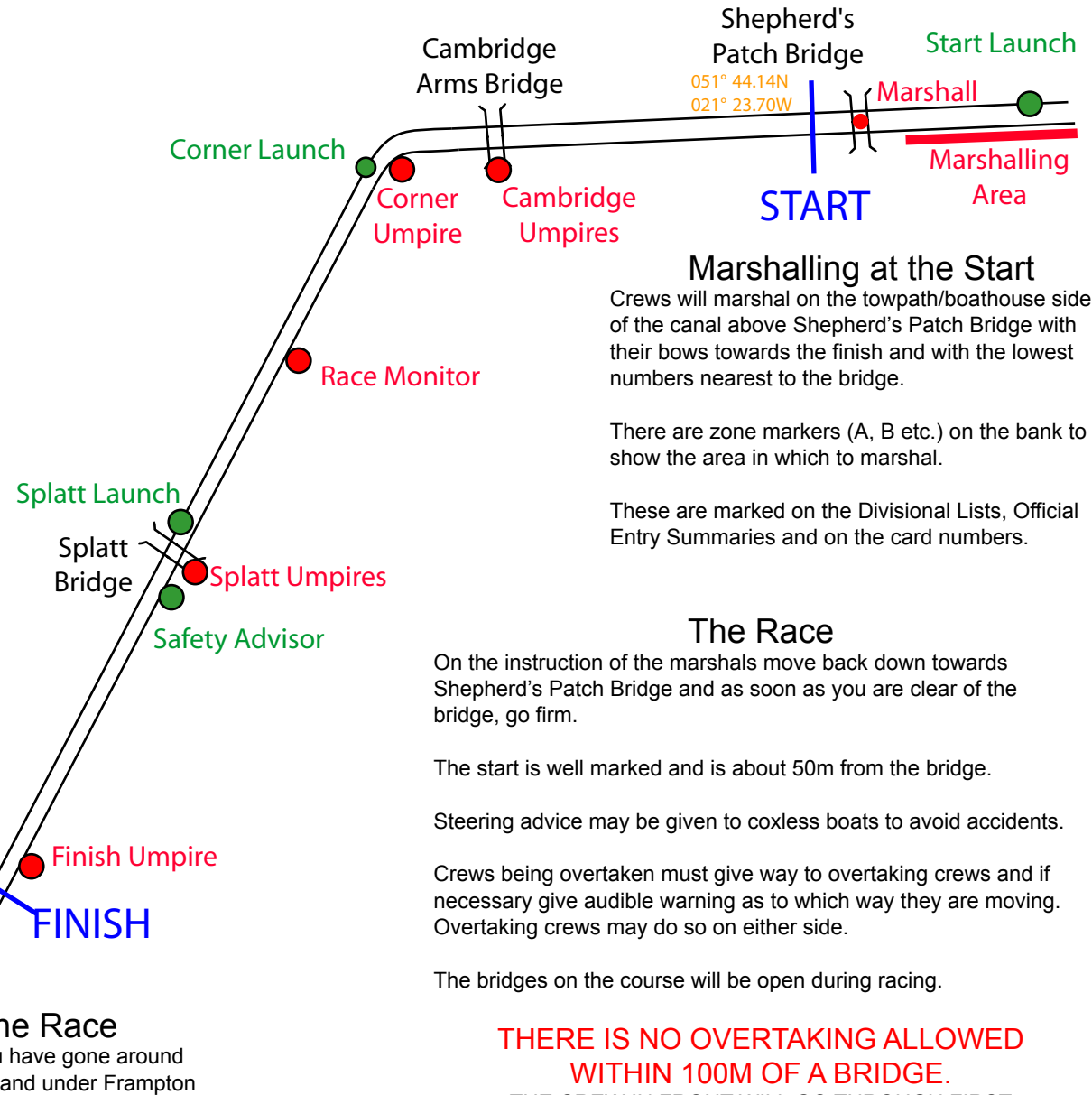
Any crew, which does not comply with the above, will not be allowed to go afloat.

In the short days of February, lack of light and exposure may pose a safety hazard so it is very important that races start on time and that competitors are not kept waiting long at the start. Please get on the water in good time and do not hold up the races.

During the race the whole course will be within sight of a number of Race Monitors and Umpires who are in radio communication with safety launches. Should you be unfortunate enough to fall in or get into other difficulties, please make every effort to get your boat to the side whilst awaiting the arrival of a launch.

Remember that your boat will float even when capsized so **STAY WITH IT** and be prepared to shout warnings to oncoming crews.

The launch will tow you to the bank where you can get into it and be taken quickly to the boathouse.



## Marshalling at the Start

Crews will marshal on the towpath/boathouse side of the canal above Shepherd's Patch Bridge with their bows towards the finish and with the lowest numbers nearest to the bridge.

There are zone markers (A, B etc.) on the bank to show the area in which to marshal.

These are marked on the Divisional Lists, Official Entry Summaries and on the card numbers.

## The Race

On the instruction of the marshals move back down towards Shepherd's Patch Bridge and as soon as you are clear of the bridge, go firm.

The start is well marked and is about 50m from the bridge.

Steering advice may be given to coxless boats to avoid accidents.

Crews being overtaken must give way to overtaking crews and if necessary give audible warning as to which way they are moving. Overtaking crews may do so on either side.

The bridges on the course will be open during racing.

**THERE IS NO OVERTAKING ALLOWED WITHIN 100M OF A BRIDGE.**

THE CREW IN FRONT WILL GO THROUGH FIRST

There are umpires on each bridge (Splatt & Cambridge Arms) to issue directions as required.

First Aid Points

All competitors must comply with the requests of the race monitors. Failure to do so could risk lives and may lead to disqualification.