

Instruction Guide for Steers and Managers

The Kamloops race course is on a river and therefore more technical than most race courses. In the interest of safety and fun we will allow only experienced steers. If you wish, the festival can provide a steers.

1. Currents on the race course

While on the course, you must adjust for both the downstream and lateral currents. The current also changes while passing under the silver train bridge. The direction and strength of the currents will change over the course of the day.

2. Heading to the Start, and Start Line Procedures

The boats will paddle upstream along the (south) river bank, pass under the silver train bridge and continue upstream towards the red bridge. Please stay between the first and second bridge piers as you go under the train bridge. Also, hold your boat and allow the oncoming race to pass before continuing up the race course. Turn left around the ORANGE/RED positioning buoy that is positioned towards the right side of the river just below the red bridge. This orange/red buoy is approximately 150 metres above the start line. Once around the positioning buoy allow your boat to start drifting downstream while aligning your boat to enter the proper lane and start in line with the other boats. Continue drifting downstream past the WHITE coloured centering buoy that is approximately 75 metres above the start line. Boats in lanes 1 and 2 will be on the left hand side of the white buoy and boats in lanes 3 and 4 will be on the right hand side of the white buoy.

Please follow the instructions of the starter and all of our water safety marshals.

All boats will align themselves and continue to drift towards the start line. When the boats are at the start line the starter will start the race. We will use a running start. If you are over the start line at the commencement of the race the race starter may impose a penalty.

3. On the race course

Stay within your lane, which will be marked by flagged buoys. Follow the instructions of the chase boat. At the discretion of the race director boats can be penalized for going out of their lane or interfering with the path of another boat.

4. Finish

At the conclusion of the race please continue downstream and then turn left as soon as you get past the GREEN channel marker just below the pier. Please land and unload the boats as efficiently as possible.