

Henley Island Rowing Rules:

Be good a good member of the Henley Island Rowing Community and follow the course rules and courtesies:

- Crew boats hang oars on the trees or place on the edge of the ramp when going out, 1x's can place oars on the dock where they will be launching
- Launch promptly after taking oars to the dock, don't leave shoes all over the dock (tripping hazard)
- Follow the training traffic pattern: head towards the start on the island side of the course or lanes 1-3, head towards the finish line in lanes 5-8 or on the far side of the course.
- Be aware of your surroundings, check your surroundings regularly for other boats, dead heads and position relative to the pylons/shore/starting gates/bridge.
- When driving a safety boat, check your blind spots regularly and try hard to not swell other rowing shells (especially smaller boats).
- Bay bay rowing: row behind the island in the direction from finish to start. Use caution going through the island bridge.
- The Scullers bay (small bay up by Martindale Pond) is for 1x, 2x and 2-'s only. In rough conditions these small boats may also row the upper back bay (south side of the island) in a counter clockwise fashion staying south of the island bridge. Circling boats are responsible for checking for traffic through the bridge and making sure they give way to boats coming through the bridge (safety boat can help with this)
- Faster boats have right of way, move out of the way of faster moving boats. If you cannot move out of the way safely, make sure to give the oncoming boat a clear Head's Up call while they have enough time to adjust their course or stop before a collision happens
- Clear the start line/finish line quickly after turning. These points get congested if boats stop for prolonged breaks. If you need to stop for a longer period, pull off to the sides (Stokes bay or the bay off lane 8 at the start, lower back bay out of the way of the main traffic flow at the finish line)
- Check weather forecasts prior to going out for a row. Do not row in unsafe conditions of high winds, lightning or fog. If these conditions arise while out rowing, safely make your way to the dock. The finish line dock and back dock can be used in severe weather to evacuate quickly.
- Fog Rules are 500m of visibility. If you cannot see the 1000m and 1500m pylons from the island, do not row. If fog rolls in while you are out rowing, make your way safely and slowly back to the dock by following a shoreline or buoy line (when in) and making lots of noise so others can hear you if they can't see you.

This list is by no means exhaustive. Safety is everyone's number 1 objective. When in doubt, do the safest option.