

Boat ID Numbers

The list of boats along with their ID numbers can be seen at

<http://www.bristolrowing.co.uk/boats.php>

How to get your number

- 1) Email Caroline (Club Secretary) and she will allocate you a number.
- 2) Contact Boathouse team who will order the number.
- 3) Comply with the requirements. Lettering must be in capital letters, in a regular sans serif (Ariel style font), with a minimum height of 6 cm. This must be clearly legible, above the waterline, in a contrasting colour to the boat and displayed on both port and starboard bow, saxboard or vertical surface.

Boat ID for the Thames Region

- The Environment Agency has asked Thames Regional Rowing Council (TRRC) to extend the boat identification system currently required on the Tideway to all waterways within the wider Thames Region.
- In light of this TRRC has resolved that with effect from 30th September 2007, Boat ID will be required throughout the Thames Region, which includes the Thames above Teddington Weir, its tributaries, lakes or rowing trenches.
- All boats will need to have compliant ID on them before they are launched on these waters. This includes all boats brought to the Thames Region for use in training and racing.
- All ARA club captains/secretaries/chairmen in the region are asked to ensure that their boats are compliant by 30th September 2007. Local clubs hosting other clubs, as well as Head and Regatta committees are responsible for seeing that all visiting boats comply with the new regulations.
- The required ID is the three-letter code attributed to all British Rowing affiliated clubs together with a three-digit fleet number (including zeros) as determined by the Club i.e. GBR 021.
- Lettering must be in capital letters, in a regular sans serif (Ariel style font), with a minimum height of 6 cm. This must be clearly legible, above the waterline, in a contrasting colour to the boat and displayed on both port and starboard bow, saxboard or vertical surface.

Further Requirements and Guidance

- All craft being used, whether from a host club or simply from the bank, must be identified as described above - racing and training boats, recreational boats, safety and coaching launches and private craft.
- All visiting club craft, including their members' private craft, must also be identifiable as described above.
- Clubs must keep, readily available, an up-to-date list of their fleet number/boat reference, besides that issued to any member with a privately owned boat.
- Club members with private craft who move clubs must change the identification code to that issued by their new club before taking to the water.
- Clubs who are not based on the Thames Regional waters but either occasionally train or compete on this water, only need to add the identification code to the boats they use for this purpose and keep an up-to-date list of the fleet number/boat reference.
- The Thames Regional Rowing Council will administer compliance and boats without the identification coding may not be allowed in competition within the region.
- The Port of London Authority regulations require boats to be identified by a "name". The Thames RWSA has been assured that this identification system is acceptable to the PLA and the EA as a substitute for a name. As clubs are responsible for educating and training their members in navigation and good practice on the water, the PLA, EA and the Thames Regional Rowing Council are keen to be able to easily identify both the club and boat. The suggested 'number plate' identification achieves this and will also be an easy point of reference for other water users, besides the general public. Boat identification is one of several recommendations, following the recent independent risk assessment of the Thames undertaken by the Salvage Association.