



ECA Cockleshell Challenge Event Plan and Arrival Instructions

The Cockleshell Challenge course is approximately 7.2 nautical miles (nm). The guide time for completion of the course is 1 hour 45 minutes. The Challenge is for gigs, galleys, skiffs or other fixed seat rowing boats. It has been running since 2017 except for Covid-19 pauses in 2020 and 2021.

This document is intended to provide a general Event Plan and Arrival Instructions. If there are major changes, these will be provided and briefed separately for each event.

A formal Entry and Self-Certification Form for Cox or Club Authorised Person must be completed and returned to ECA in advance. It can be updated on the day of the event.

The Rowing Directions and Guide for Coxes document provides course route and associated markers and any known hazards. It also references an alternative course to be considered in case bad weather conditions prior to final option to cancel.

Each Cox must have a working VHF marine radio (Channel 10 or as directed by Race Marshall) and all on board must have lifejackets/buoyancy aids immediately available to them. If the Race Marshall directs that buoyancy aids must be worn, there will be no exceptions. Coxes must always wear buoyancy aids.

1 Arrival

1.1 Gigs and Towing Vehicles

Please come to our main entrance where our members will be at the gate to greet you. Suggested arrival time is **0800 – 0900**. This will allow controlled unloading of gigs etc. If you'd like to bring your gig earlier, please let us know your proposal for our agreement via email to gig.admin@eastneycruisingassociation.com.

We have powered winches and towing tractors to assist with launch and recovery. Unloaded gigs can be taken to the water's edge on the day of the event (Low Water Langstone Harbour is 11.42). Race start is planned for **1100**.

1.2 Other Vehicles

We are unable to accommodate other guest cars on site. There are however two nearby free public car parks to the north and to the south of the ECA, a short walk from our Clubhouse's main entrance, where you will be directed to a Registration Desk in the Clubhouse.

2 Clubhouse

2.1 Registration Desk

The Entry and Self-Certification Form that has been completed and returned to us with provisional crew/cox details prior to the event day, should be updated or confirmed on the event day. The Cox or responsible person must register and sign off the form at the registration desk in the Clubhouse.

Note that ECA is a private members' club, so to comply with our drinks licence we need a signature in our guest book from each cox /club representative who can "sign in" the whole crew / club.

2.2 The ECA Bar and Galley

The ECA Bar and Galley take both Cash and Cards.

The galley will offer breakfast and lunch/snacks.



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Our subsidised club bar opens at noon and remains open until 2230. The bar also serves standard bar snack e.g. crisps, nuts etc.

Please do not wear or bring wet or sandy gear into the interior of the clubhouse.

3 Race Plan

Please refer to Rowing Directions and Guide for Coxes.

3.1 Cox Briefing

All Coxes must attend a briefing at **1000**.

3.2 Safety/General Briefing

Everyone who is participating in the event needs to attend our safety briefing at **1030**.

3.3 Race Start

Race start is planned for **1100**.

There will be staggered starts.

Warning for the start of each section of the race will be announced over the VHF radio (CH8) followed by a 3-minute warning, then counting down the 3 minutes once a minute, ending with "GET SET" then "GO".

4. Presentation and Prizegiving

This is planned to be held on ECA Balcony at approximately **1430**.

PROPOSED AWARDS:

The following awards (trophies, plaques, or other awards) are proposed:

- 1) Fastest Bursledon Gigs.
- 2) Fastest Cornish Pilot Gig (GRP).
- 3) Fastest Cornish Pilot Gig (Wooden)
- 4) Fastest Others (Celtic Longboats, Galleys etc as a Group (with handicap).
- 5) Fastest Open/Male team (with handicap)
- 6) Fastest Mixed team (with handicap)
- 7) Fastest Female team (with handicap) + Trophy.
- 8) Fastest Boat/Gig Overall (with handicap) + Trophy.
- 9) Fastest ET (Elapsed Time) Boat/Gig + Trophy.

Please note that the above proposals are subject to review and change at ECA discretion but will be confirmed at the race.

Any questions, please email to gig.admin@eastneycruisingassociation.com.