

**Rowing Victoria Umpires Commission**  
**Boat Drivers Aide-Memoire**

<b>Core Timings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check Jury report time (normally one hour before event starts). This is 'boat on water' time. Attend this meeting on time</li> <li>• At end of duty, 'log off' with President of Jury</li> <li>• Before any breaks, check with Umpire as to next report time</li> </ul>
<b>Equipment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your boat licence</li> <li>• Fire extinguisher</li> <li>• Torch</li> <li>• Oars/paddles</li> <li>• Life jackets</li> <li>• Fuel for duration of duty</li> <li>• Bailer</li> <li>• Personal sun protection, clothing for forecast weather, drinking water etc</li> <li>• (Umpire will bring flags, radio)</li> </ul>
<b>Positioning</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Move UP the course in the centre of the waterway</li> <li>• DEAD SLOW (idle throttle) before 90° turn to traffic lane to avoid approaching rowers</li> <li>• When course is clear, 90° turn, DEAD SLOW to centre of waterway, 90° turn, THEN up to speed</li> <li>• !! never turn unless DEAD SLOW</li> <li>• When following race, travel adjacent to a buoyline (thus allowing crews a clear line of sight back down the centre of their lane)</li> </ul>
<b>Remember</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Watch and listen</b> to your Umpire –who is <b>in charge</b> of your positioning</li> <li>• Aim to anticipate the Umpire</li> <li>• WASH is critical – always keep an eye on it even when following a race</li> <li>• Watch out for flotsam</li> <li>• Use smooth throttle movements, especially when your Umpire is standing!</li> <li>• Maintain a close watch on coolant flow and fuel level</li> <li>• You may not consume alcohol on duty, nor are you to commence a period of duty while influenced by alcohol or the effects of earlier alcohol consumption</li> <li>• You may have no proscribed (using the Road Safety Act as guidance) illicit drugs present in oral fluid or blood, at any time whilst performing any official duties</li> </ul>
<b>Guidelines</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you are following a race and someone takes a swim, then the Umpire will direct you to stay with the swimmer (unless of course he/she thinks that something else is about to eventuate that is more serious and thus calls for your attention.....like a whale approaching). Then once Rescue arrives, you will resume your normal duties</li> <li>• The Umpire will call the shots until Rescue arrives. When 'surf life' arrives, we rely on their expertise</li> <li>• If as a returning Umpire you see that the race has been deserted by the original Umpire, then you will normally pick up the race mid-course</li> <li>• Generally speaking, Rescue will place 'sunk boats' on the river bank, not take them back to the launch area thus blocking the continuation of the regatta</li> <li>• We aim to maintain 500m separation of Umpires along the course – not a gathering at the start. This helps to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure availability in case the race Umpire has a breakdown or needs to attend to a safety matter</li> <li>• Assist in keeping the course clear</li> <li>• Render assistance to rowers if required</li> <li>• Minimise wash</li> </ul> </li> </ul>