



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 Ref 3 in this data pack. It is intended to provide a generic 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 to complete and return to ECA in advance or delivered on day of the event.

A 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 (Typical)

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 (TBC)**. 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 or call (see details at end of this note).

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 1022 BST (TBC). Race start is planned for **1100** BST (TBC).

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.

Such vehicles can be parked in either car parks and walk to our Clubhouse's main entrance where you will be directed/escorted 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, may be updated or confirmed on the event day. Your club point of contact or Cox must register at a registration desk set up 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.



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2.2 The ECA Bar and Galley

The ECA Bar and Galley take both Cash and Cards, the ECA bar also offers a cash back service.

The galley will open between 08:00 to 15:00 and offer breakfast and lunch/snacks including chilli jackets, Curry etc and other such choices.

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

3 Race Plan

Please refer to Rowing Directions and Guide for Coxes (Ref 2).

3.1 Cox Briefing

All Coxes must attend a briefing at 1000 (TBC).

3.2 Safety/General Briefing

Everyone who is participating in the event needs to attend our safety briefing, planned for 1030 (TBC).

3.3 Race Start

Race start is normally planned for **1100 BST (TBC)**.

There will be staggered starts every 3 minutes (tbc), starting generally with a batch of boats/gigs rated as slow (i.e. lower on the [OY](#) handicap scale) until last batch with the fast boats/gigs.

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 (TBC).

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

Version History:

Version	Description	Date	Author
1	As used at CC2023 based on BobE's original	11 June 2023	GeoffS
2	Updated for CC2024 and Generalised for ECA Website	April 2024	GeoffS
3	Generalised for ECA Gig Rowing Website	October 2025	GeoffS