



## Maidenhead Rowing Club – Turning Points

Circulation on the reach at Maidenhead involves keeping to the right hand bank and spinning anticlockwise against the Buckinghamshire bank (the clubhouse side of the river). The club approved turning areas are as follows:

### Boulters Lock

Crews using the full length of the reach should spin just in front of Boulters Restaurant/bar before the Danger sign and on the Bucks side of the river, leaving the channel clear for boats approaching and leaving the lock.



### Just Downstream of the A4

Crews leaving the club and proceeding downstream should spin just before the A4 bridge tucked in quite close to the bank on the clubhouse side of the river. This part of the river can be congested and is narrow. It is important to be aware of traffic that may be heading downstream through the bridge and be obscured by the bridge. **Do not spin in the middle of the river as this obstructs the navigation and may risk being washed onto the channel post.** NB large craft such as the Georgian may navigate the bridge using the “wrong arch”. (i.e. proceeding downstream through the upstream arch).



### Just Upstream of the Sounding Arch

This turning point is used by downstream crews returning to the clubhouse. It is also useful for upstream crews that wish to loop round and head back downstream without entering the narrow congested area opposite the club. It is a judgement call when heading upstream whether to spin here or at the A4 depending upon levels of congestion in the narrow area opposite the club. Be aware that as this area is quite narrow the stream can be faster here than at the other turning points.



### Opposite of Headpile Eyot (Bray)

Unless proceeding through the lock, crews must spin opposite Headpile Eyot (just downstream of the Waterside Inn) and well before the weir! When the river is green crews are expected to turn at the blue sign warning of the weir (opposite the small once-was-white bridge on the Bucks bank). In fast stream conditions crews should turn at the start of the Eyot. Always spin and face upstream before drinks, adjustments etc.



Please remember that the club's Safety Plan restricts rowing above Maidenhead Bridge to experienced crews when river conditions are hazardous

***Never turn upstream of an obstacle such as the channel post, or another boat!***