Charles River Basin 2k Course

Downstream:
Stay well to the outside of the turn, along the Boston shore.

Upstream

Magazine Beach

BU Bridge

BU Sailing

Lane Targets

BU Boathouse

Pedestrian Overpass

Caution:
Stay clear of upstream crews on the 2K race course.

Launching from MIT:
Stay along shore, watch out for upstream crews on the 2K race course and downstream crews returning to MIT.

5 4 3 2

Finish

1500m

MIT Pierce Boathouse

Union Lane

1000m

5 4 3 2

Harvard Bridge

MIT Sailing Pavillion

500m

Marina

Harvard Sailing

Downstream:
Aim on the gold dome (Beacon Hill), then at the Boston corner of the Longfellow Bridge.

Union Lane

5 4 3 2

Start

Union Boathouse

Longfellow Bridge

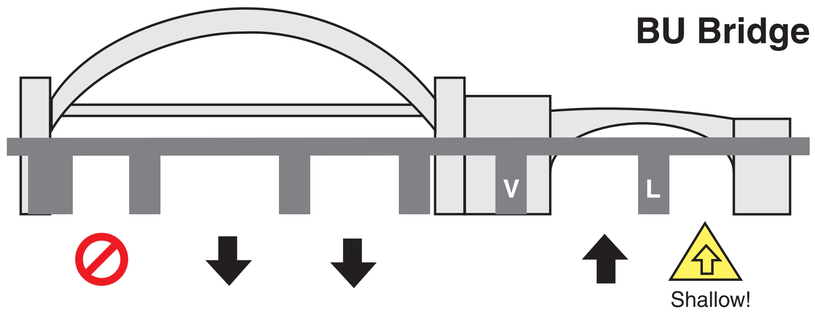
Downstream

Guide to Basin Arches

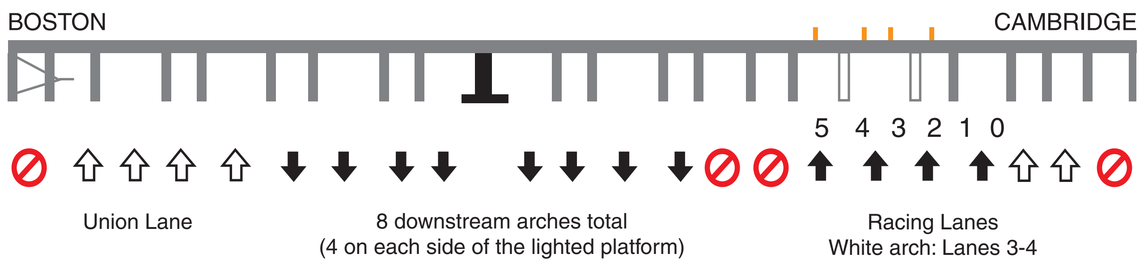
(View looking upstream)

- Normal Traffic
- Use only if necessary
- Caution; see notes
- Do not use

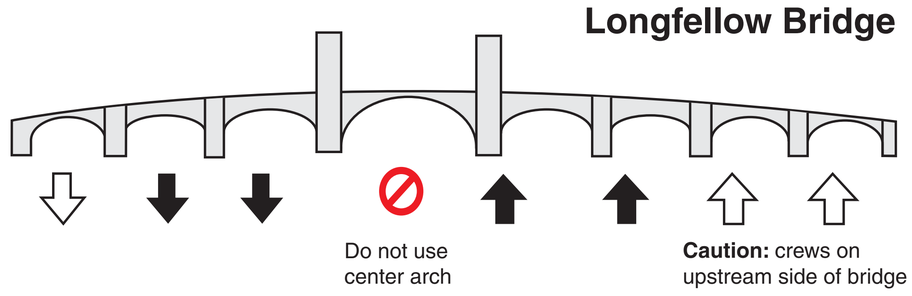
BU Bridge



Harvard Bridge (Massachusetts Avenue)



Longfellow Bridge



2k Course Notes

Warm Up

- Warm up along the Boston shores as you proceed to the starting line.
- Once you pass the starting line, you may not return upstream of the starting area.
- Follow a counter-clockwise warm-up pattern downstream of the Longfellow Bridge.
- Do not use the Center arch of the Longfellow Bridge.

Harvard Bridge Arches

- Lanes 3 and 4 share the RACING ARCH that is marked with white abutments on the Harvard Bridge (Massachusetts Avenue).
- Lanes 2 and 5 have their own arches located to the right and left of the RACING ARCH.

Steering Targets

- Line up the small targets on the bridge above each lane with the large striped land targets on the Boston shore past the finish line.
- There are also white lines painted on the Cambridge wall at the 500-meter marks.
- The Finish Line is marked by two poles along the Cambridge shore.

General River Rules

- Keep to the right side (1/3) of the river—especially on turns
- Overtake on the left (port)
- Turn quickly, only where visible
- Move to shore to stop or drill

For full details, see the **Charles River Traffic Patterns and Safety Rules**

North

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