

Navigating the Derwent, from the boat houses to the top of the river.

As a learner progresses and develops they will be allowed to go to the top of the river out of sight of the club.

You must know the river and the basic rules of the river in order to row safely.

Always remember to wear a hi visibility top so you can be seen.

Always stay close to the bank unless you need to move out to overtake.

Always keep a good lookout for other crews and **always** look if you hear **'HAVE A LOOK'**.

HAZARD! As you go downstream be careful of the current pushing you into the concrete revetment on the Darley Park bank. As you pass this and carry on downstream also be careful the current doesn't push you across the river into oncoming upstream traffic.

GOING OUT

When leaving the landing stage **ALWAYS** check that there is no traffic coming downstream, and no traffic coming upstream that you may impede. Leave the stage, cross the river and continue upstream keeping the bank to your left.

DARLEY PARK SIDE

DERWENT ROWING CLUB, BOAT HOUSE AND LANDING STAGE

DERBY ROWING CLUB

HANDYSIDE or OLD RAILWAY BRIDGE

TOP OF THE RIVER, LIMIT OF NAVIGATION

HAZARD! Top of the river. You can turn just after the small stream outlet, but not beyond the house known as the folly house. Here the river becomes narrow and shallow

SMALL STREAM JOINS

WIDE BAY JUST BEFORE THE TOP

HAZARD! Some large crew boats may turn in the wider bay.

HAZARD! Some rocks stick out just before the big bay

DARLEY PARK SIDE

SMALL STREAM JOINS

MARKEATON BROOK OUTLET

CHESTER GREEN SIDE

THE BIG BEND

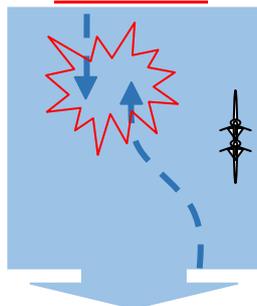
HAZARD! The big bend, when going upstream you must hug the bank to prevent the current pulling you into the middle of the river, when going downstream be aware that the current may try to push you towards the Darley park bank.

HAZARD! Watch out for other learner crews turning

REMEMBER, KEEP TO THE BANK, OTHER FASTER BOATS MUST PASS ON YOUR PORTSIDE OR RIGHT-HAND SIDE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE RIVER

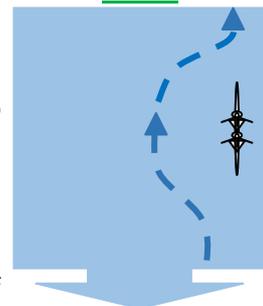
OVERTAKING

NOT SAFE



When overtaking **ALWAYS** ensure you have enough time to move out to the centre of the river, and pass the other crew before moving back to your lane in front of them

SAFE



LANDING

For development and performance rowers you must pass both landing stages going downstream and turn under the Handyside or old railway bridge to be facing upstream.

ALWAYS SHOUT 'HAVE A LOOK' if you have to stop and pull into the bank to allow the river to clear before turning. You must always wait and que on the **OPPOSITE** side of the river to the landing stage if it is busy and tuck in close to the bank, **NEVER** the same side as the landing stage in the downstream lane. **ALWAYS SHOUT 'HAVE A LOOK'** to any oncoming crews when you are waiting.

Cross when clear to land and **ALWAYS** check nothing is coming downstream.



**DERWENT ROWING CLUB,
BOAT HOUSE AND
LANDING STAGE**

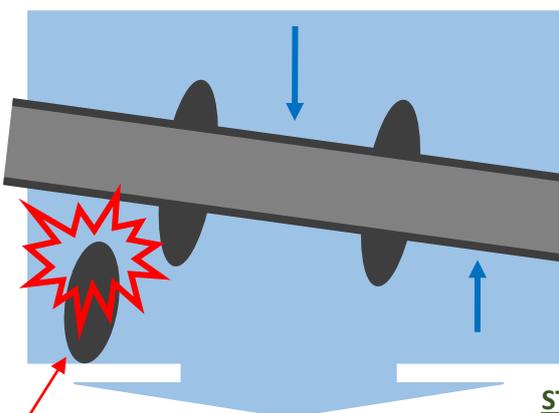
DERBY ROWING CLUB

HAZARD! Keep a good lookout for crews queuing for the landing stages

HANDYSIDE or OLD RAILWAY BRIDGE

**BE SURE TO KEEP A GOOD
LOOKOUT WHEN GOING
DOWNSTREAM THROUGH THE
BRIDGES FOR OTHER CREWS
TURNING AND DO NOT
OVERTAKE AROUND THE SUNKEN
ISLAND**

HAZARD! Weed growth in the summer months



HAZARD! Submerged medieval bridge pier

HAZARD! MANY crews turn under the inner ring road bridge or just after, but before the 'sunken' island. You may be asked to turn here also, in which case pull into the centre of the river and turn, waiting for any other crews to clear the upstream lane before continuing upstream yourself.

HAZARD! Sunken Island in the centre of the river at the Silk Mill, marked by buoys and has a number of tree stumps caught on it. STAY IN THE APPROPRIATE LANE, NO OVERTAKING AND NEVER GO AROUND THE ISLAND THE WRONG WAY.

**TURN BEFORE OR UNDER EXETER BRIDGE,
THE LIMIT OF THE NAVAGABLE RIVER**
Weir beyond bridge, turn earlier than you think, especially in faster moving water.

**CHESTER
GREEN
SIDE**

FURNACE INN

ST MARY'S BRIDGE

INNER RING ROAD BRIDGE

THE SILK MILL

**THE WHITE
FOOTBRIDGE**

**OLD MAGISTRATES
COURTS**

Navigating the Derwent, from the boat houses to the bottom of the river.

As you develop and move to the performance squad you can go downstream to the bottom of the river. Here are a number of hazards that you must avoid, such as turning crews and an arched bridge.

Always remember to wear a hi visibility top so you can be seen.

Always stay close to the bank unless you need to move out to overtake.

Always keep a good lookout for other crews and **always** look if you hear **'HAVE A LOOK'**.

HAZARD! Stone revetment on the upstream side sticks out into the river, keep a lookout so that you don't catch your blades.

HAZARD! Some rowers new to going downstream of the landing stages turn before St Marys bridge as they are not confident in going through it. If you do be very careful and turn before well before the bridge to avoid the current dragging you onto the piers.

**ENVIRONMENT
AGENCY RIVER LEVEL
MEASURING STATION**

BRIDGE INN

HAZARD! The three arched St Mary's bridge, see opposite for larger drawing. When going **DOWNSTREAM ONLY** the **MIDDLE ARCH** may be used. When going **UPSTREAM ONLY** the **ARCH NEAREST THE BRIDGE INN** may be used, **KEEP TO THE BANK WHEN GOING UPSTREAM.**

**'SUNKEN' SILK
MILL ISLAND**

HAZARD! Narrow under the footbridge, take care and keep close to the bank so that the current does not dag you into a collision course with the sunken island.

**EXETER
BRIDGE**

**HAZARD! DONOT GO
BEYOND EXETER
BRIDGE, SHALLOWS
AND WEIRS**