### Charles River Traffic Patterns

#### 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.

#### Bridge Traffic

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

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**Do not use**
- Use caution; see notes

#### Contextual Notes
- Use center arch only if with coach
- NOTE: Center arch is upstream ONLY between 5am-1pm from Labor Day through Thanksgiving
- (looking upstream)
- (View looking upstream)

#### Bridge Traffic

- **North Beacon**
- **Arsenal**
- **Eliot**
- **Anderson**
- **Weeks Footbridge**
- **Western Avenue**
- **River Street**

#### BU Bridge
- Downstream: Stay well to the outside of the turn, along the Boston shore.
- Caution: Stay clear of upstream crews on the 2K race course.
- Downstream returning to MIT: Continue along the Boston shore until just past the Storrow Drive footbridge or the Hyatt Hotel before crossing over into the MIT lane.
- Caution: Stay clear of upstream crews on the 2K race course.
- BU Boathouse: HOCR start
- 1200m Finish
- 1200m Start (Downstream)
- 500m
- 1000m
- 1500m
- 1200m Start (Downstream)

#### Harvard Bridge
- Downstream: Aim on the gold dome (Beacon Hill), then at the Boston corner of the Longfellow Bridge.
- Caution: crews on upstream side of bridge

#### Longfellow
- 8 downstream arches total (4 on each side of the lighted platform)
- Racing Lanes
- White arch: Lanes 3-4
- Do not use center arch
- Caution: crews on upstream side of bridge

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For more information, see the following resources:
- [http://www.communityrowing.org/handbook/charlesriver.htm](http://www.communityrowing.org/handbook/charlesriver.htm)
- [http://www.unionboatclub.org/rowing/charles_traffic.html](http://www.unionboatclub.org/rowing/charles_traffic.html)