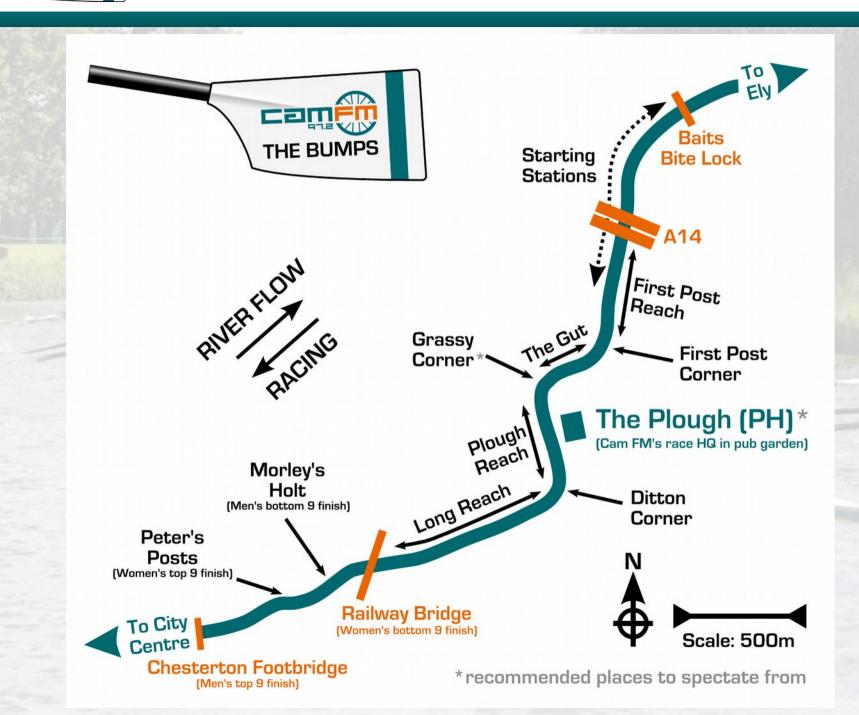


BUMPS COMMENTATOR TRAINING



THE COURSE

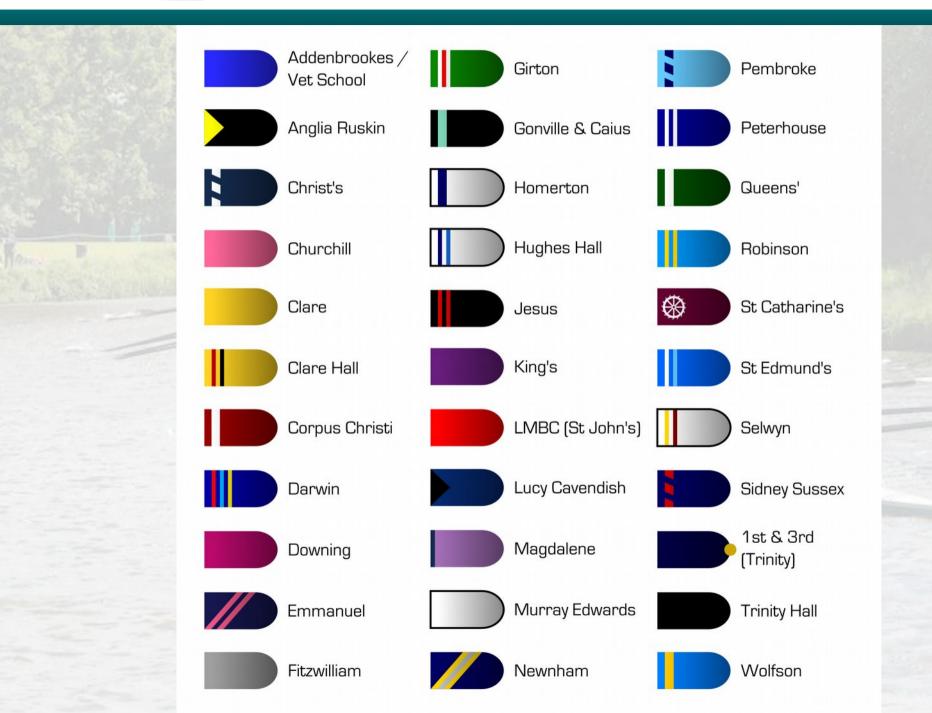




THE COLLEGE CREWS

















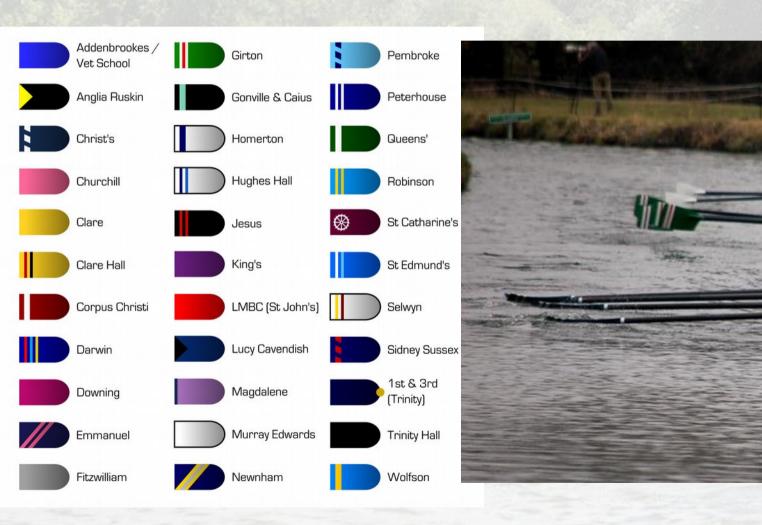


























































Easily Confused: (use your race order and maybe lycra for clues)



Downing





St Catharine's





King's





Easily Confused: (use your race order and maybe lycra for clues)









Memory Aid:

Homerton

Hughes Hall

Beware the combined boats! (though you can't get it wrong)



Easily Confused: (use your race order and maybe lycra for clues)











Easily Confused: (use your race order and maybe lycra for clues)



Fitzwilliam



If it's a mens' race, it ain't Murray Edwards you're seeing!



Easily Confused: (use your race order and maybe lycra for clues)











CARNAGE



Race may be stopped due to carnage Settled by re-row or by technical decisions

No rerows on last day!



FOLIAGE



Worn by crews who have bumped up

Worn only when rowing back, don't confuse rowbacks for race!



BUMPING

A cox concedes by putting their hand in the air







3 cannons: 4 mins before, 1 min before and at start

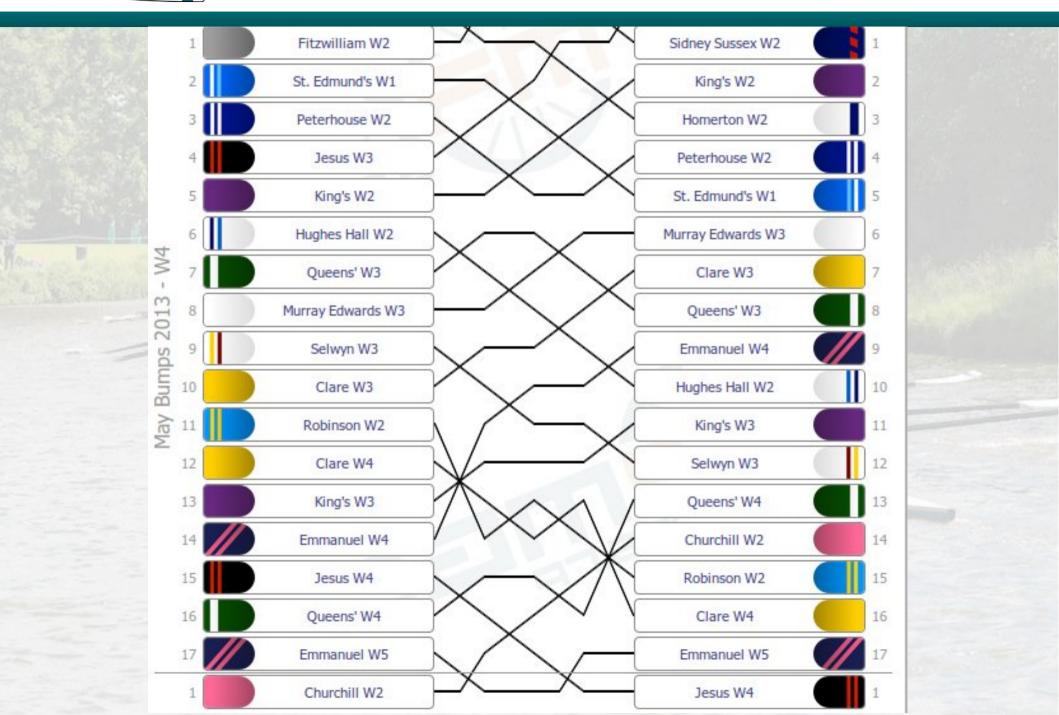
10 mins before race: Get to commentary stations

4 min cannon: Call studio

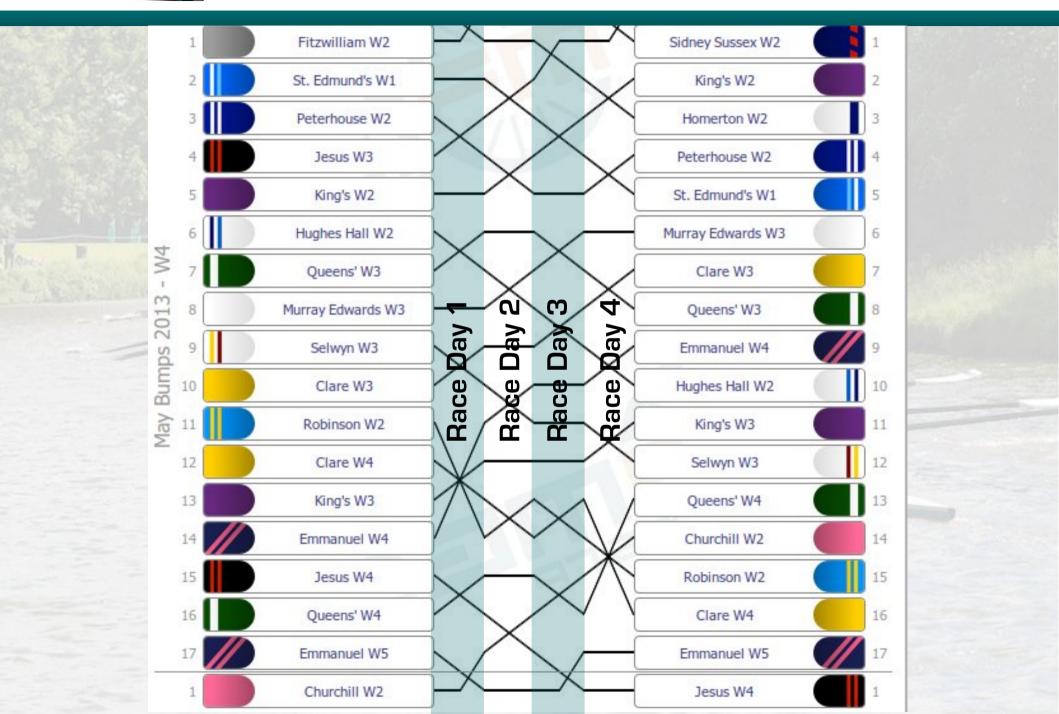
1 min cannon: Studio must have handed to riverside by now

Do a rundown, before start



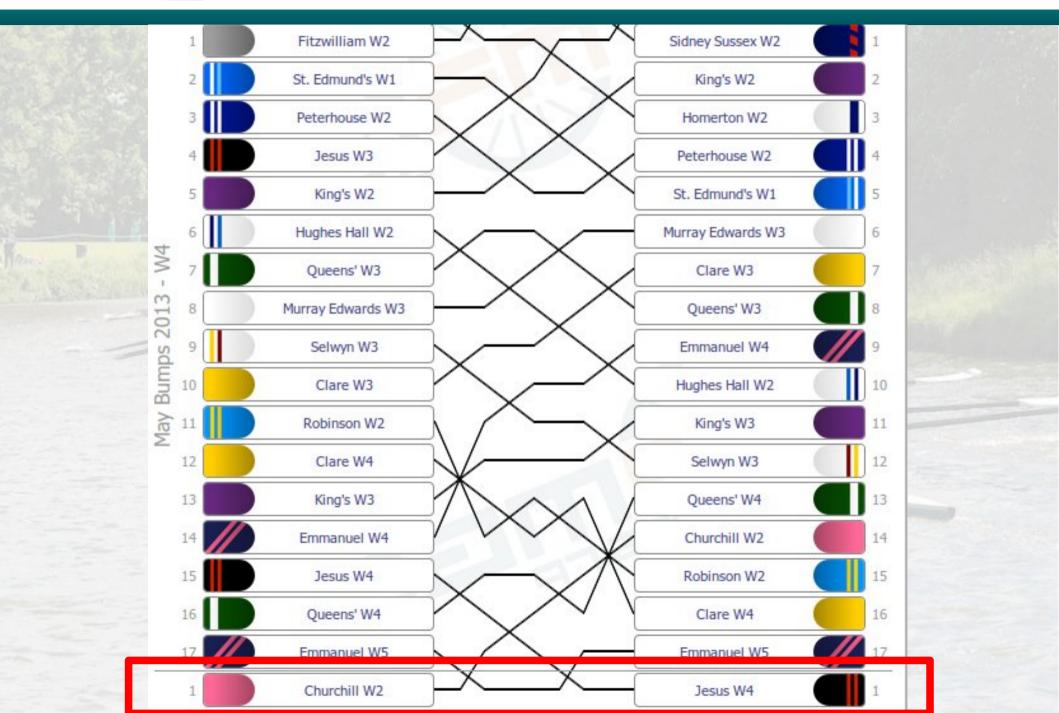








SANDWICH BOAT



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"Sandwich boat" races twice:

- In the (lower) division it is top of
- and at the back of the next division up

Gives the crew a chance to "bump up" into the next division, but is hard work because its more rowing!

The sandwich boat is dependent on who has come top of that lower division, thus this probably **won't** have been known when your starting order sheets were printed at the start of the day.

Always check you know who the SW boat is!





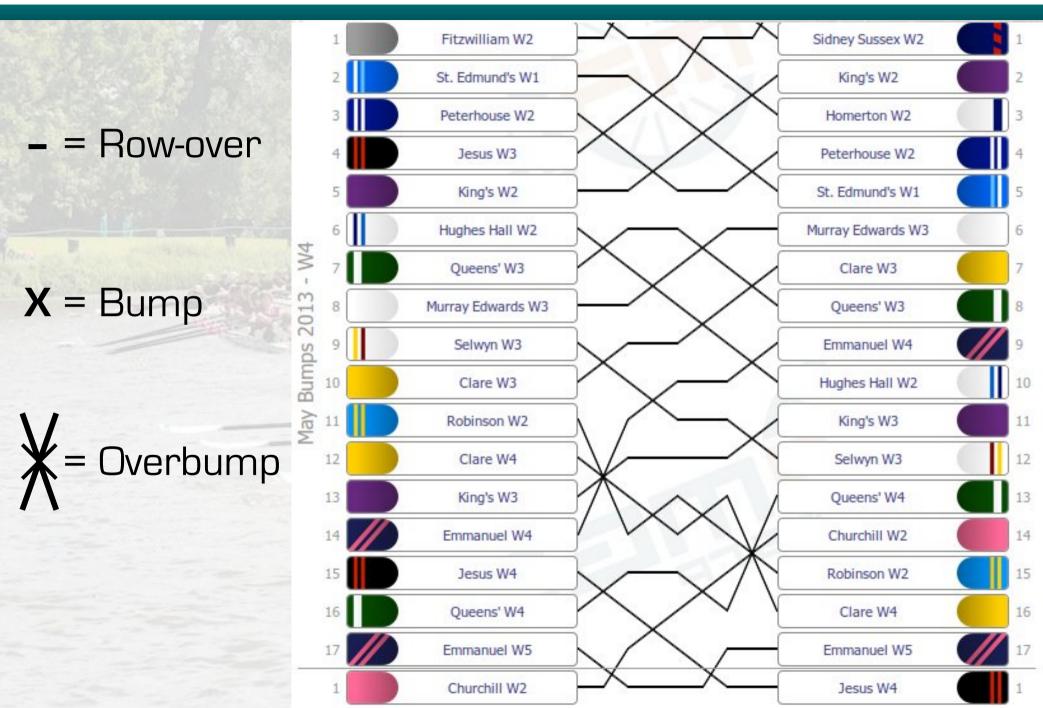
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E.g. if Fitz 2 were to bump Queens 3 in the lower (M4) division here, Fitz 2 would become the Sandwich Boat for M3

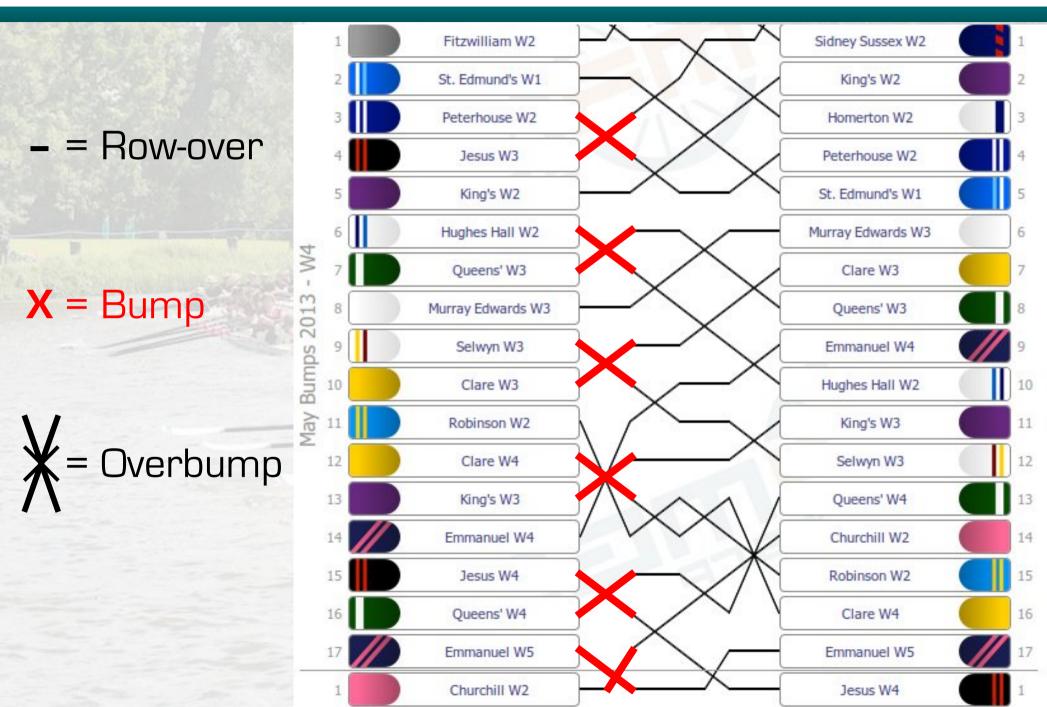




















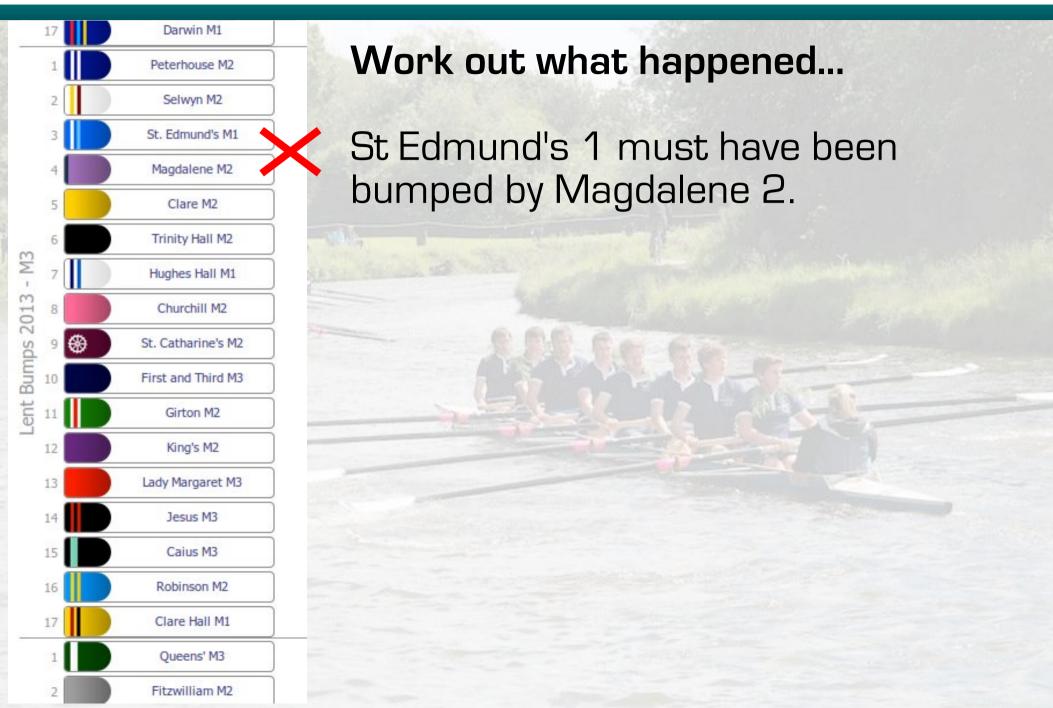
Work out what happened...

You're at Grassy Corner, (and not paying attention to the other commentators!). Here are the boats you see come past:



Can you deduce any bumps earlier up the river?









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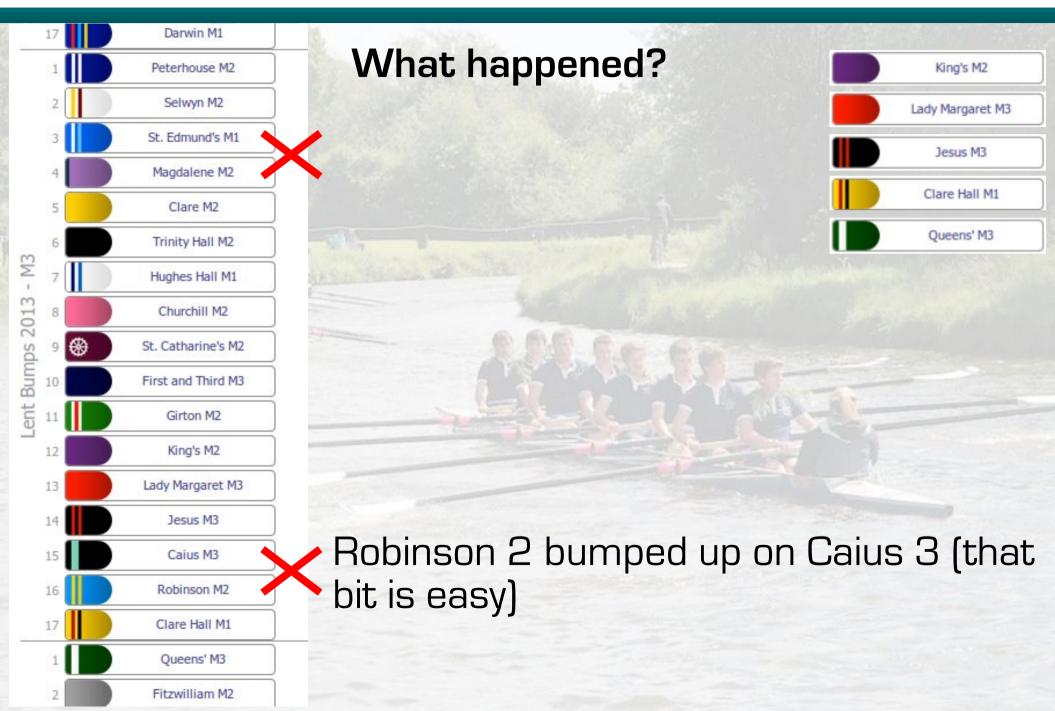
St Edmund's 1 must have been bumped by Magdalene 2.

The next few boats come past:

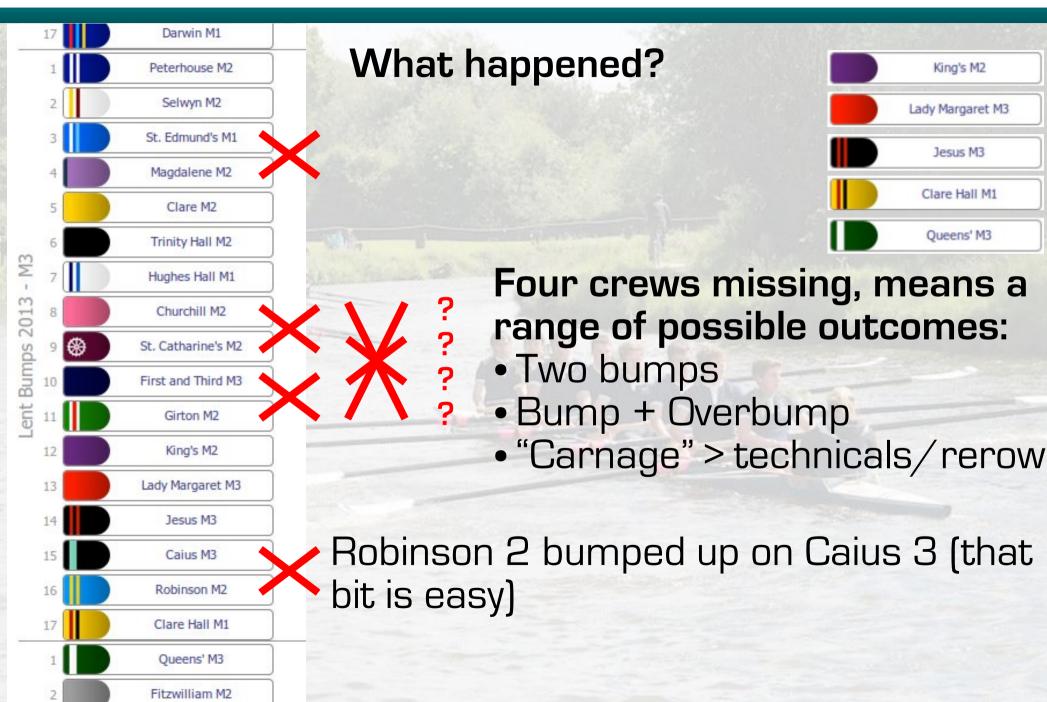


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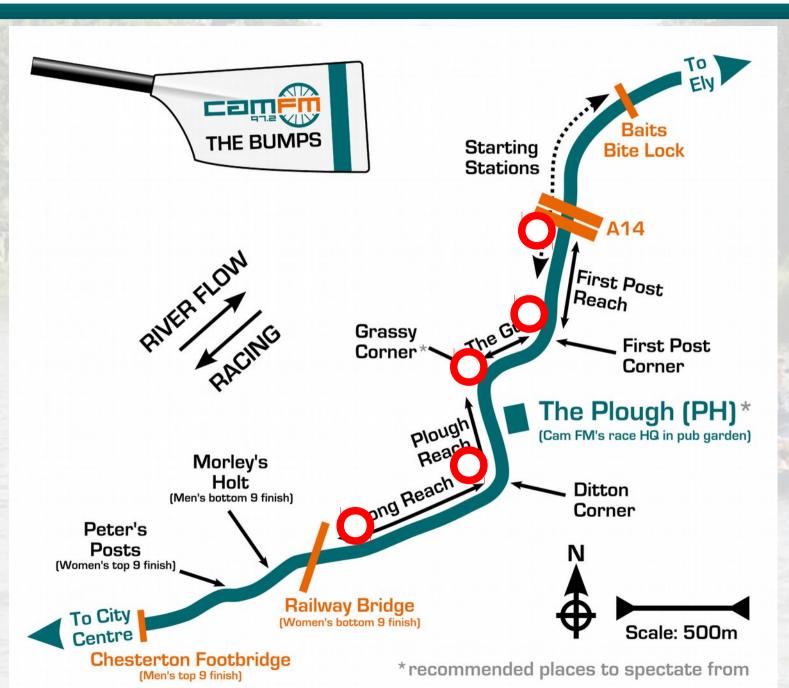








COMMENTATOR POSITIONS



Lead commentator will choose the best 3 or 4 positions based on what is expected to happen.

Similar ability boats chasing each other mean later bumps.

Skill disparity means earlier bumps!



"Hand over the (hypothetical) baton"...

If someone else is talking, and something exciting is happening in front of you, call for the baton: "To Alice". Don't start talking until the currently speaking commentator hands it over to you "Alice".

If the moment has passed when you get the baton, either do a recap of what you saw, or if it's a matter of seconds, just mentally time-shift what you saw and commentate as though it is live (more exciting!).

If you are talking, and someone else calls for the baton, wrap up then hand over by saying that person's name "Bob".



"Hand over the (hypothetical) baton"... (contd)

If you run out of things to say, just hand the baton over to the next most likely person, which is usually the person down-river e.g. "What are things looking like on the Long Reach, Eve?"

If you are thrown the baton and have nothing really to add, just recap the action so far if you can, then hand it onto someone else. e.g. "The last crew that passed me was Caius 2, no more boats in sight, what about Ditton Corner, Dave?"

Always emphasise the person's name, saying it clearly when handing on the baton.



Time

"Hand over the (hypothetical) baton"...

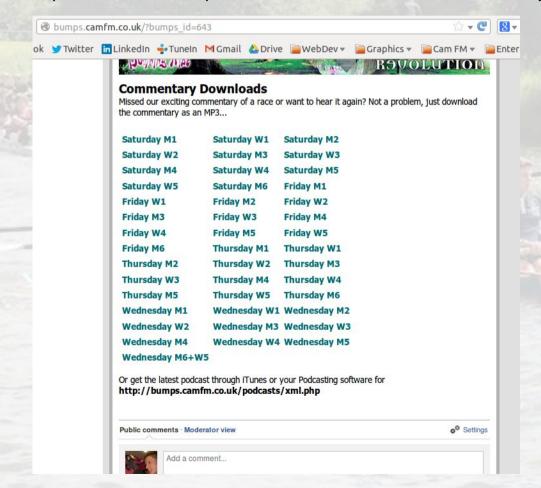




Listen to past MP3s for examples:

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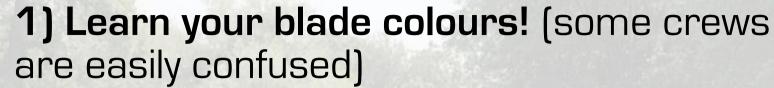
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2) Learn the course layout (3 corners & 4 straights really matter)



3) Use your race order to work out what has happened up-race



4) Catch and pass on the baton in commentary



- 5) Listen to past commentary MP3s
- 6) Turn up, have fun!