

Navigation Rules and Hazards

Navigation rules

1. Normal river navigation rules apply at all times. Boats should remain on the right hand side of the river (boathouse side going upstream, and opposite going downstream). The only exception is the bridge upstream from the club (see hazard 3).
2. Always boat and land from the pontoon with the boat pointing upstream.
3. Always look out for other river users and watercraft. They may not know the normal rules of navigation.
4. At busy times there may be many boats and vessels on the river. If boats seem unaware of your presence, shout: 'LOOK AHEAD'. If you are in doubt shout anyway, it is better to upset a training piece than for an accident to occur.

If you are unsure of any of these rules/hazards, then contact your safety officer.



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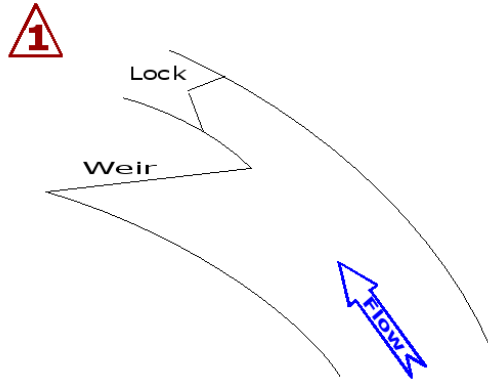
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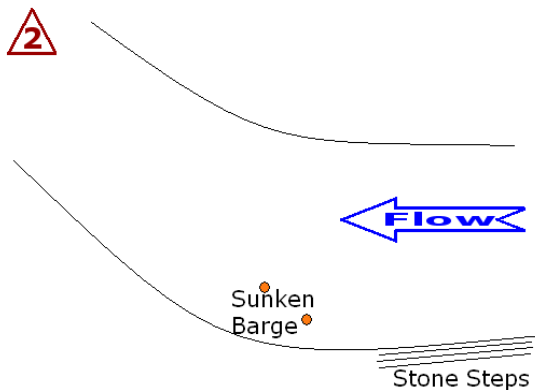
Hazards of the river

HAZARD 1



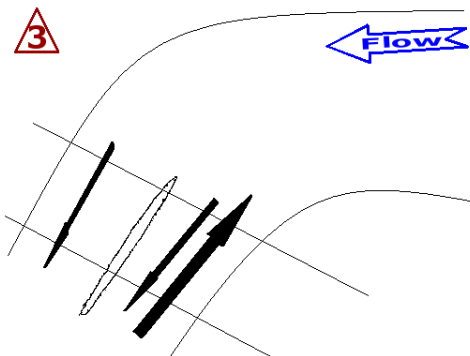
At the 'bottom' of the river, immediately downstream of the clubs, is Salford weir. This is to be treated with caution and boats must turn before Salford Marina.

HAZARD 2



Just upstream of the boathouses, before the stone steps there is a sunken barge on the boathouse side of the river. There are two orange buoys that are attached to the barge, and are visible when the water level is low enough for the barge to present a hazard.

HAZARD 3



At the first bridge (railway) upstream from the club, boats may pass through either side of the bridge due to the nature of the corner. Be aware of boats on BOTH sides of the river.



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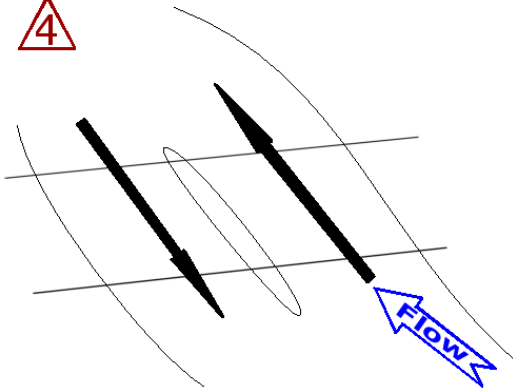
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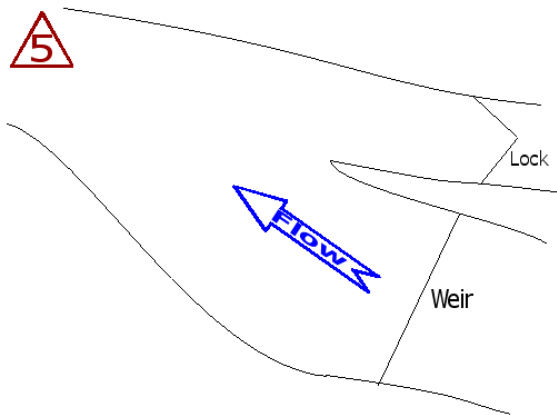
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The third bridge (railway) upstream from the club has a buttress in the middle of the river. Normal navigational rules apply for this bridge.

HAZARD 5

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At the 'top' of the river is Bath weir. Treat this with caution.

Advice: turn a few strokes after the end of the 'Rotork' building, which is on the left of the river going upstream.



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