



WRC Coxswain – Expectations

- Be familiar with and understand the WRC Coxswain and Bow Person Handbook
- Ensure the safety of the rowers and the boat – on and off the water
- Know your water, rules of the river, and potential obstacles
- Be up to date on the bridge construction to ensure safe steering.
- Know the weather and adhere to club weather limitations
- Know the hours of daylight and adhere to club daylight requirements
- Know what to do in event of an accident or incident
- Know the emergency phone numbers
- Know and adhere to boat light requirements
- Know how to use the boat-use schedule
- Be aware of the tide schedule
- Know where the shallow water hazards are
- Know and adhere to the boat weight capacities
- Take charge from the time the boat is removed from the rack until it is returned
- Safely launch from the dock and recover to the dock
- Be aware of and steer to avoid other boat traffic
- Be watchful for and steer to avoid any stationary or floating obstacles
- Know the effective commands – including “check it down” for immediate stops
- Know the procedures for charging and testing cox boxes
- Be watchful for and know how to manage in the event of a wake

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- Be listed as a current approved WRC coxswain – satisfy the most recent assessment
- Be in command of the boat
- Make the decision regarding weather, daylight and water conditions
- Sign the boat out under your name/group on the computer (Regattacentral) and in the boat-use (sign-out) book
- Sign the cox box out under your name on the cox box-use (sign-out) sheet
- Report any wear and damage of the boat
- Complete an incident report (on wilmingtonrowing.org – Operations/Safety) in the event of damage/injury or near miss
- Carry a cell phone in waterproof case on the water at all times
- Sign the boat back in on the computer AND the manual sheet
- Replace cox box and connect the charger

Note: Scholastic or Junior Coxswains are not expected to be fully responsible for the boat. The scholastic coaches are entrusted with overseeing the expectations and meeting the requirements for coxing WRC equipment. In the event that coxswains under the age of 18 cox a boat crewed by WRC members, one of the WRC members must assume responsibility for overseeing the expectations and meeting the requirements. This includes signing out the boat but the coxswain should also be identified.