



Row

Safety and Etiquette Protocols

The Prouty is not a race, so there's no reason to compromise your safety or the safety of others. Enjoy your row on the beautiful Connecticut River keeping the following protocols in mind:

Mandatory Dock Master Check-in: All rowers must check-in with the Kendal Dock Master prior to launching and upon your return, this includes all boats that depart from the Dartmouth College Boathouse. Please be prepared to provide your name(s) and bib number(s).

Wear Your Prouty Bib! In an emergency, your contact information is associated with your bib number and will be accessed by Prouty personal as needed. For emergencies contact the Prouty Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at (603) 646-1593.

Overtaking Boats Have The Right of Way: Unless this creates a dangerous situation.

Obey the River Traffic Pattern, and Stay to the Right: (stay to the NH shore going upstream to Lyme, and the VT shore when returning to Kendal Riverfront Park launch site). Review the course map and note the island at the 4-mile marker – make sure to stay to the NH side of the island going upstream and the VT side when returning. DO NOT ROW BEYOND THE BRIDGE IN LYME.

Carry Water and Snacks in the Boat With You: It's prudent to carry your own water, snacks, and sunscreen in the boat with you, particularly if it's hot. Water and snacks are available at the enhanced River Front Park SAG, and there will be three Prouty roving safety launches which can provide basic provisions on the river, including medical support, however, they are not always close at hand, please plan accordingly.

Inclement Weather Planning and Lightning Safety: The Prouty is a rain or shine event, however, when severe weather has been detected the Prouty's Inclement Weather Planning will be initiated to help minimize potential risks, especially lighting. Yes, weather safety plans when initiated may be an inconvenience, nevertheless, we ask for your cooperation – safety first!

Inclement Weather Planning:

Monitoring the Weather: The Prouty Emergency Operations Center (EOC) have partnered with the National Weather Service in Burlington, VT to closely monitor the weather throughout the day. When severe weather has been detected, the Prouty EOC will contact safety launches and SAG stations with weather updates. That being said, everyone should be monitoring the weather, as conditions can fluctuate greatly from town to town.

Delaying the Start / Collapsing Routes / Suspending Activities: Safety launches are prepared to collapse, or close rowing routes based on pending weather.

Emergency Pull-out Locations: Please refer to your rowing map for emergency pull-out sites. During severe weather, including thunder or lighting, get your boat off the river and shelter in place wherever you are.

Basic Lightning Safety:

- Immediately get off bodies of water and never shelter in open areas under tall isolated trees or objects.
- If weather comes on suddenly, and you are not near a designated pull-out location, get to shore wherever you are and shelter in place. Wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder or lightning to resume activities, or until a safety launch advises you to begin your row again.
- Stay away from objects that conduct electricity (barbed wire fences, power lines, metal objects, etc.).
- National Weather Service – Lightning Safety: <https://weather.gov/safety/lightning-tips>

On-River Assistance and Docks Close at 1 P.M. Please plan your 1pm. return accordingly.