



Pulling Orders

Man your Boat	The crew are detailed off by the Coxswain and on the order, take their places in the craft.
Sight your Oars	Crew checks oars and crutches are ready for shipping
Ship your Crutches	Crew ship their crutches in the crutch plates
Ship your Oars	Crew place their oars in the rowlocks or crutches ready for pulling
Let go Fore ward / Aft	Bowman/ Stroke let go. Coil up and stow the painters
Shove Off	The bowman or other crewmen shoves the boat away from the jetty, landing stage or the bottom should the boat be grounded.
In fenders / Out Fenders	To be given as separate orders when leaving and coming along side
Stand by to Give Way	This order is given to alert the crew before ordering "give way together". The crew lean forward, backs straight and arms extended to the full, with blades in readiness for pulling.
Give Way together	This is the order to start pulling, and is obeyed together by the whole crew. Timing is taken from the stroke. If only one bank of oars is required, then the order "give way starboard (or port) is given.
Oars	This is the order to cease pulling. Take one more stroke and sit squarely and upright, oars horizontal and at right angles to the fore-and-aft line of the boat, blades feathered.
Cross Gunwale Oars	Lay the oars across the boat resting on the thwarts
Hold Water	This is an emergency order to reduce or stop the way of the boat by holding the oars at right angles to the fore-and-aft line of the boat and with their blades held still in the water. It should be obeyed immediately. If required to hold water with one bank of oars only, starboard or port is added to the order.
Stand by to Back Water	Given to alert the crew before ordering backwater together. Hold the

	oars close to the chest in preparation to back water.
Back Water together	This is the order to back water together by short pushing strokes on the looms of the oars instead of pulling. If only one bank of oars is required to back water, the order "Back starboard" or "Back port" is given.
Stroke together	This is the order for all to give one stroke together. If only one bank of oars is to give a stroke then the order "Stroke starboard or "Stroke port" is given.
Easy All	This is the order to pull less vigorously. If the boat is being turned, the order "Easy port (or starboard) may be given.
Mind your Oars	This is a warning to the crew to keep the blades of their oars clear of some obstruction. This is an emergency order and should be obeyed immediately. "Port mind your oars" and "Starboard mind your oars" are alternative versions of this order.
Trail Oars	The crew pass the looms over their heads, leaving the blades in the water and the oars trailed along the side of the boat. This is for use when passing in restricted waters.
Eyes in the Boat	An order to the crew when it is necessary to regain their attention
Bow	If a dedicated Bowman is not assigned, this order is given to the bow oarsman, when coming along side, picking up a mooring or other task. If a Bowman is present then the order will warn them to ready themselves.
Way Enough	This is the order to bring the boat alongside which requires the crew to pull one more stroke, pass looms of the oars over their heads, boat their oars, unship the crutches and put out fenders.
Toss Oars	Toss oars may be used in double banked boats in lieu of weigh enough. The order will lift the oars vertically with the blades fore-and-aft.
Fend off Port / Starboard	This is used to warn the crew to fend off in order to prevent damage to the side of the boat when coming along side.
Unship Crutches	Take the crutches out of the crutch plates, left hanging by their lanyards.