

Pulling Orders for boats Skiffs, Jolly Boat, Salters etc

As used by Petersham and Ham Sea Scouts

<u>Order</u>	<u>Action</u>
Man your boat	(From a Leader to the Cox) who will then tell each member of the crew their rowing position and when to get into the boat – one at a time
Sight your oars	Crew check oars and crutches, ready for shipping Coxswain will ship rudder
Let go for'ard/aft	As required Bow, Stroke or Cox let go and coil the lines.
Shove off for'ard/aft	As required – with the looms of the oars – Never the blades
Ship crutches – in fenders	As required
Ship your oars	Pulling crew place oars in crutches in readiness for pulling Ship port/starboard oars as required
Stand by To give way	A warning order. The crew lean forward, backs straight and arms extended to the full, with blades 90 degrees to the water in readiness for pulling If only port or starboard side oars are required to give way the order “ Give way starboard/port ” is given
Give way together	The order to start pulling is obeyed together by the whole crew.
Hold water	The 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 in the water This is an emergency order and is obeyed immediately.
Back water	The order to back water together by pushing the looms of the oars instead of pulling. If only one bank of oars is required to back water the order “ Back starboard/port ” is given
Mind your oars	A warning order to the crew to keep their oars clear of some obstruction. The order “ Mind your oars starboard/port ” is given as required This is an emergency order to be obeyed immediately



Trail Oars	Trail oars alongside boat, the crew passing the looms over their heads leaving the blades in the water pointing aft This is an emergency order and must be obeyed immediately
Easy all	The order to pull less vigorously so that the speed of the boat will be reduced
Eyes in the boat	An order to the crew when it is necessary to regain their attention
Oars	The order given for the crew to stop pulling. The crew then sit squarely and upright on their thwarts, with their oars horizontal and at right angles to the fore-and-aft line of the boat and with the blades feathered (parallel to the water)
Boat your oars (in crutches out fenders as required)	The crew lay their oars down in the boat, blades forward
Bow	This order must be given in plenty of time before coming alongside or running on to the slip way as we do in Petersham. The bowman boats his oar with the blade forward to get ready with the painter to fend off or secure the boat. At P&H Bow remains seated but gets ready to step ashore and hold the bows whilst the crew disembarks.

When on the slipway

- Bowman will jump ashore holding on to painter, then holing the boat whilst the crew comes ashore
- Coxswain unships rudder
- Coxswain will order crew ashore, one at a time, carrying their oars
- Crew will stay on the slipway ready to help with the boat cover
- All gear is returned to the boatdeck by the crew as required

