

14. Every boat shall abide by its accidents.

15. No boats shall be allowed to accompany a competitor for the purpose of directing his course or affording him other assistance. The boat receiving such directions or assistance shall be disqualified at the discretion of the umpire.

16. The jurisdiction of the umpire extends over the race, and all matters connected with it from the time the race is specified to start until its final termination, and his decision in all cases shall be final and without appeal.

17. Any competitor refusing to abide by the decision or to follow the direction of the umpire shall be disqualified.

18. The umpire, if he thinks proper, may reserve his decision, provided that in every case such decision be given on the day of the race.

N. B. The above rules also governed the single sculling championship professional matches of England with occasional slight alterations, and were adopted at a meeting of representatives of twenty-three leading Amateur Boat Clubs, from various sections of this country, held in New York City, Aug. 29th. 1872, with the exception of adding thereto the subjoined rules :

19. Boats shall be started by their sterns, and shall have completed their course when the bows reach the finish.

20. In turning races each competitor shall have a separate turing stake and shall turn from port to starboard. Any competitor may turn any stake other than his own, but does so at his peril.

DEFINITION OF AN AMATEUR SCULLER OR OARSMAN.

The following was settled and adopted by the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge and the principal Boat Clubs in London, on the 10th April, 1878 :

'An amateur oarsman or sculler must be an officer of Her Majesty's Army or Navy, or Civil Service, a member of the liberal professions, or of the University or public schools, or of any established boat or rowing club not containing mechanics or professionals; and must not have competed in any competition for either a stake, or money, or entrance-fee, or with or against a professional for any prize; nor have ever taught, pursued, or assisted in the pursuit of athletic exercises of any kind as a means of livelihood; nor have ever been employed in or about boats or in a manual labour; nor be a mechanic, artisan, or labourer.'

RULES OF THE ROWING ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN COLLEGES.

1. Any boat not at its post at the time specified shall be liable to be disqualified by the umpire.

2. All races shall be started in the following manner: The starter shall ask the question, 'Are you ready?' and receiving no reply, after waiting at least three seconds, shall give the signal to start.

3. If the umpire considers the start false, he shall at once recall the crews to their stations; and any boat refusing to start again shall be disqualified.

4. A start shall be considered false if, during the first ten strokes, any of the competing boats shall be disabled by the breaking of an oar or any other accident.

5. Each boat shall keep its own water throughout the race, and any boat departing from its own water shall be disqualified.

6. A boat's own water is its buoyed course from the station assigned to it at starting to the finish, and the umpire shall be sole judge of a boat's deviation from its own water during the race.

7. No fouling whatever shall be allowed; the boat committing the foul shall be disqualified.

It shall be considered a foul when, after the race has commenced, any competitor, by his own oar, boat or person, comes into contact with the oar, boat or person of another competitor, unless, in the opinion of the umpire, such contact is so slight as not to influence the race.

9. A claim of foul must be made to the umpire by the competitor himself previous to his getting out of the boat.

10. The umpire, when appealed to, but not before, shall decide all questions as to a foul.

11. In the event of a foul, the umpire shall have the power: (A) To place the boats, except the boat committing the foul, which is disqualified in the order in which they come in, provided that the fouled boat comes in first, or that the first boat had a sufficient lead at the time of the foul to warrant the race being assigned to it. (B) If the fouled boat does not come in first, or if unable to decide which boat is in error, to order such of the leading boats to row over again as in his opinion are entitled to another competition.

12. Every boat shall abide by its accidents.

13. In the event of a dead heat taking place, the same crews to contend again, or the crew or crews refusing shall be adjudged to have lost the race.