

## START TEAM - SHORT COURSE

STARTER/WATCH TIMER (MONITOR 8)

WATCH SCRIBE ( MONITOR 9) (Team Leader)

WEBSCORER TIMER

Assisted by

Monitor 6 Parks the crews and looks after the upstream end of the division. Turn them to race then return to your normal position.

Monitor 7 Parks the crews and turns them to race downstream. Return to normal position when all are turned and moving towards the timing point.

**Webscorer** is not a Monitor . Liaise with Monitor 9 about getting timing kit to position.

All necessary kit taken to the start by Monitor 9.

**SBH make sure you read and understand the special notes about the SBH short course. Yours is both a finishing and starting point.**

### WHAT TO DO

The Timing Point Team for the Short Course is people as outlined above.

### WHERE TO DO IT

Well before your shift starts, report to the clubroom at Saltford to register with the Personnel Manager and find the Timing Point Team Leader (Monitor 9). See the individual notes below about attending the Timekeepers Briefing at 8.45am.

The Short Course Timing Point is at the top of the Straight, on the Clubhouse side. Allow enough time to walk.

### HOW TO DO IT

Watch Scribe (Monitor 9) is the Team Leader and is responsible for looking out for and responding to any problems, operating the radio, and ensuring the stopwatch data sent to the Results Team is legible and correct. Also gets kit to the timing point and looks after it between divisions.

#### **Starter/Watch Timer (Monitor 8)**

1. Collect the watch from Monitor 9
2. You are timing an upstream segment followed immediately by a downstream segment.
3. As a crew approaches the Timing Point, say "Crew xxx approaching". Then (using the loudhailer) say "Crew xxx NOW", with the NOW as their bowball passes the Timing Point line. As you say NOW, operate the watch, calling out the crew number and time to the Watch Scribe.
4. The Webscorer Timer will press their button on hearing your NOW. So it is essential that this is clear and distinct. In particular, the Webscorer Timer cannot look up from their tablet so is relying on your NOW to know when to press their button.

#### **Watch Scribe (Monitor 9)**

*Race Control/Long Start/Short Start/Finish/Safety Advisor will all have club-issued mobile phones with the five mission critical phone numbers programmed into them. Please use these when radio relay is unreliable or when you urgently need to contact one of the designated positions.*

5. **You must attend the Timekeepers Briefing in the Club Room at 8:45 sharp. Instructions will be confirmed, and all stopwatches and Webscorer tablets will be started together at 9am.**
6. Take timing kit to position and look after it between divisions.
7. Position the Starter opposite the Timing Point Post (on the far bank). The Starter must stand in the same position for all divisions.

8. Position yourself and the starter opposite the Timing Point Post (on the far bank). The Starter must stand in the same position for all divisions.
9. Fill in the required information at the top of each timing sheet. Make sure you record the colour of the watch being used.
10. Record the crew number and time called out by the Starter/Watch Timer for every crew.
11. If the Webscorer Timer fails to tap a crew into the software, or taps late, they will call out the crew number to you. Make a note for this crew number in the "Tap Fail" column in the timing sheet.
12. If a crew has no number visible, try to record the club boat number from the sticker on the boat (ie, AVN802). If there is not time to do this, just put a ? in the comments column. Do not worry if you cannot. The results team can work out who they are after the fact. But helpful notes make it easier to work out.
13. **After each Division, work with the Webscorer Timer to upload the Webscorer data. The Results Manager will explain how this is done. This will require use of a smart phone with Personal Hot Spot (PHS) connectivity – ensure such a phone is available.**

#### **WebscorerTimer**

1. **You must attend the Timekeepers Briefing in the Club Room at 8:45 sharp. Instructions will be confirmed, and all stopwatches and Webscorer tablets will be started together at 9am.**
2. Liaise with Monitor 9 about kit. If you are on the first Division, you will be given your timing tablet at the Timekeepers Briefing. If you are on a later Division, the Team Leader (Monitor 9) will give you your timing tablet.
3. Upon arrival at the timing point, position yourself so you can clearly hear the Starter. Wake up the tablet by pressing the small button the right side of the tablet. Be careful not to tap any keys inadvertently.
4. The first race you time is the upstream segment. As soon as all boats have finished racing up, they turn to race down
5. Listen carefully to the Starter, so you know which crew is approaching the Timing Point and are ready to press the button marked with that crew number. Press the button at the exact moment you hear the NOW of "Crew xxx NOW". To ensure accurate failsafe tapping, do not look up from the tablet.
6. Taps sometimes do not register the first time you press. If so, say to the Watch Scribe "Crew xxx Tap Fail". Do not worry about failed/late taps. The Starter/Watch Timer is the backup.