Umpire boat positioning



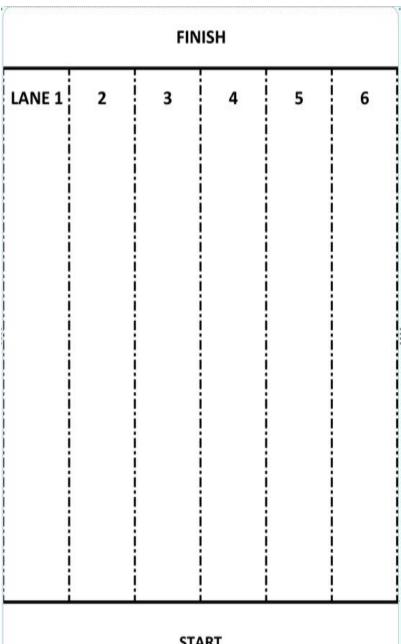
You are one of two umpires in the first of two semi-finals of the straight pair. With 200m to go, the race has been uneventful. Lanes 1 and 2 are tied for the lead, lanes 3 and 4 are four lengths behind, and lanes 5 and 6 are further than eight lengths behind. Of the following, which is the best position for the leading umpire boat?

- 1/ Lane 1 (near the lane 0 buoy line) and as far ahead as possible without washing lanes 3 and 4.
- 2/ Lane 1 (near the lane 0 buoy line) approximately two lengths back, even if it is necessary to wash lanes 3 and 4.
- 3/ Lane 3 (near the lane 2 buoy line) and as far ahead as possible without washing lanes 5 and 6.
- 4/ Lane 3 (near lane 2 buoy line) approximately two lengths back even if it is necessary to wash lane 5 or 6.

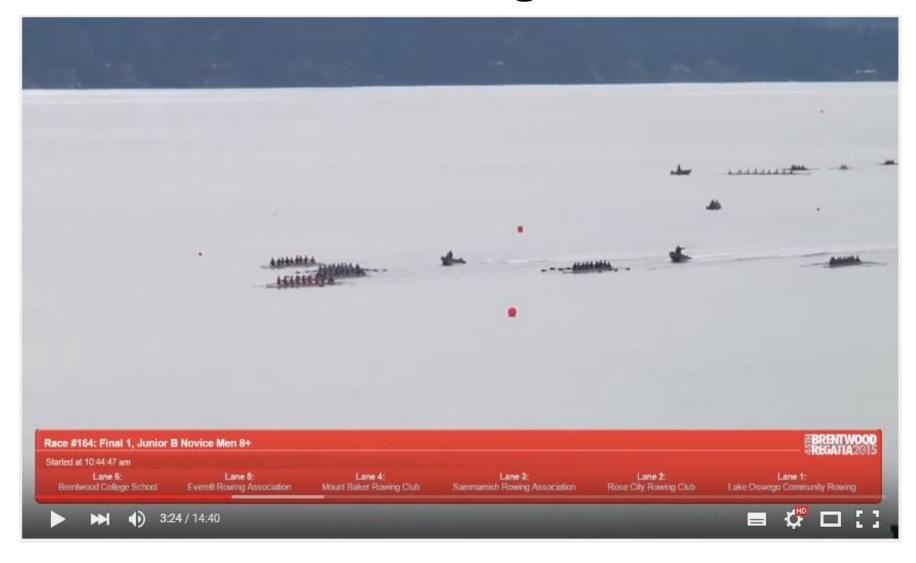
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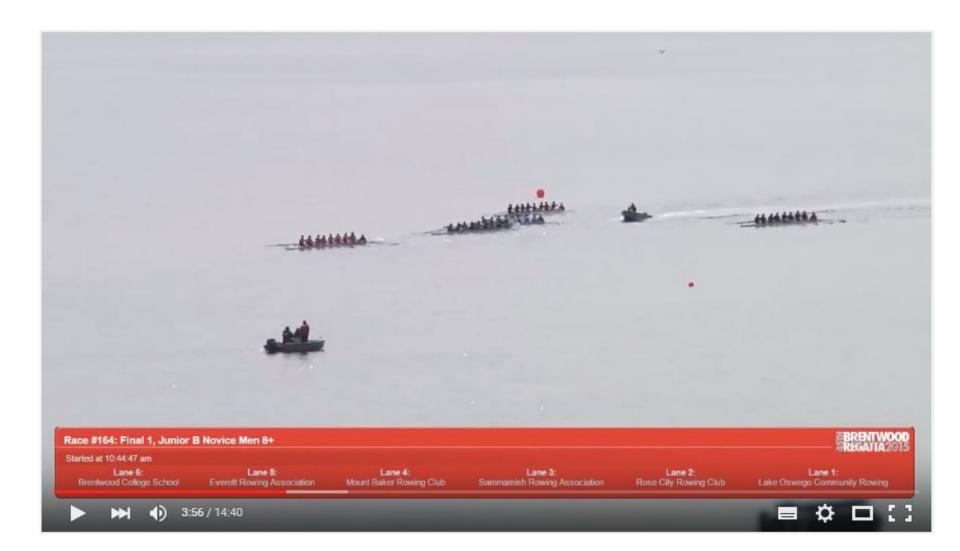
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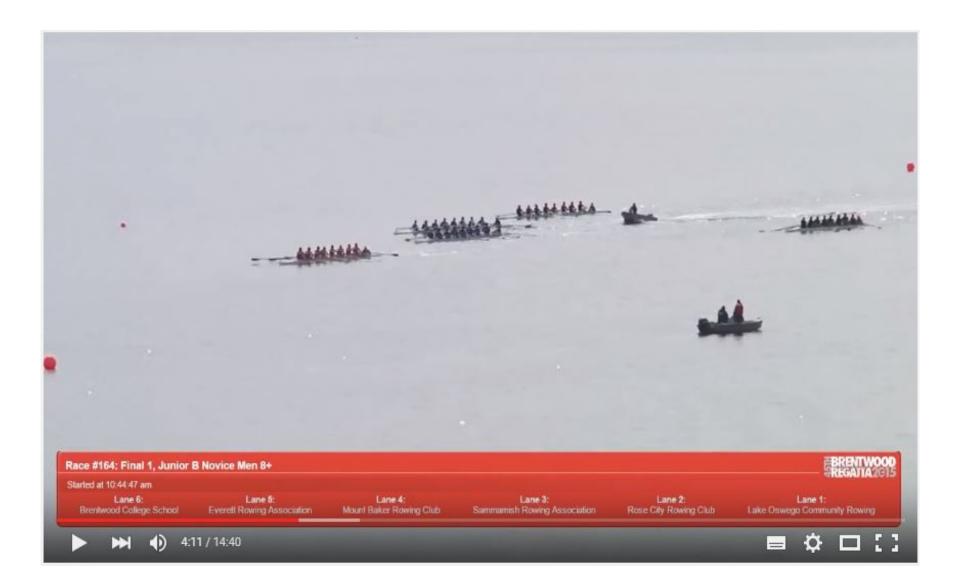
- Keep up with the action as close as possible.
 You may have to encourage your driver.
- Watch your wash!
- Watch and listen for your fellow umpire.
- Don't follow directly behind a crew if they catch a crab you may run them over!
- Be prepared to go into lane 0 or lane 8, or to execute an "omega".



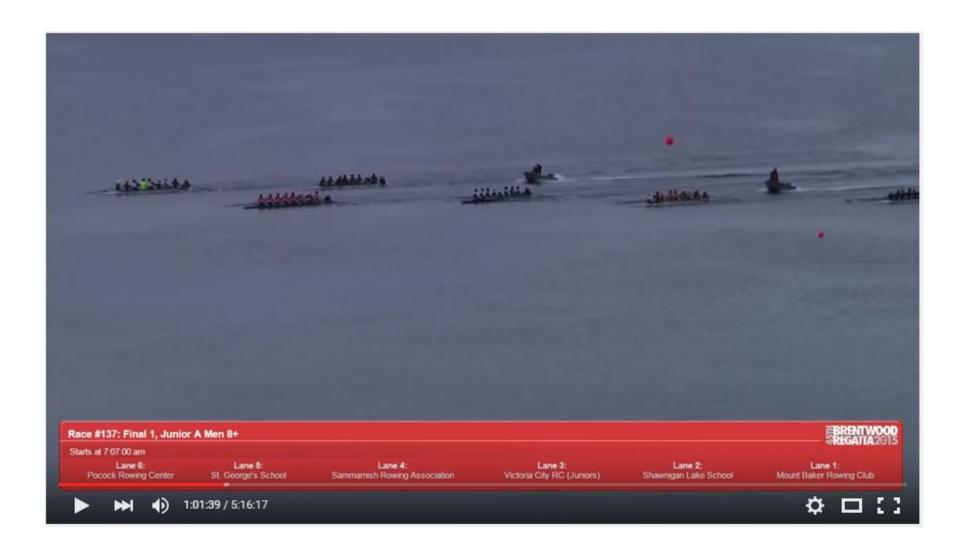
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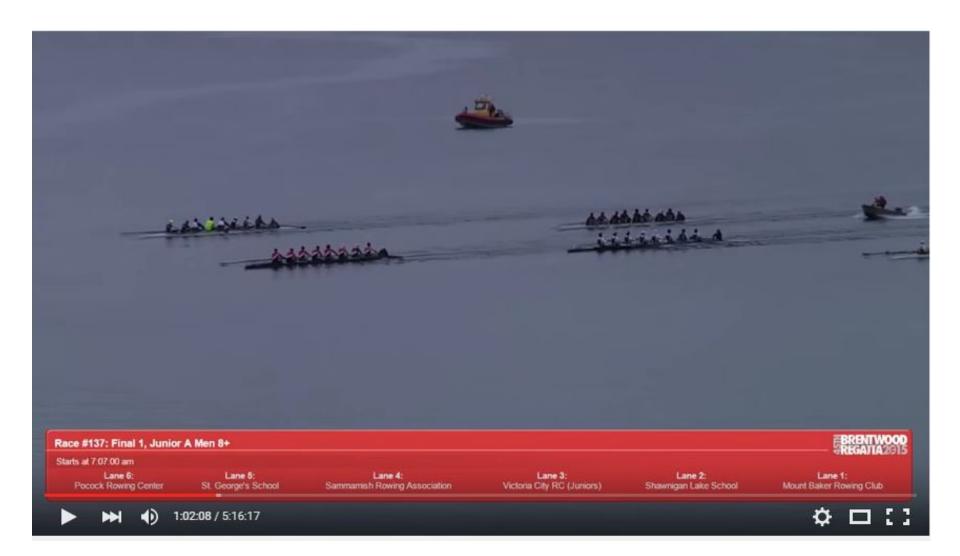


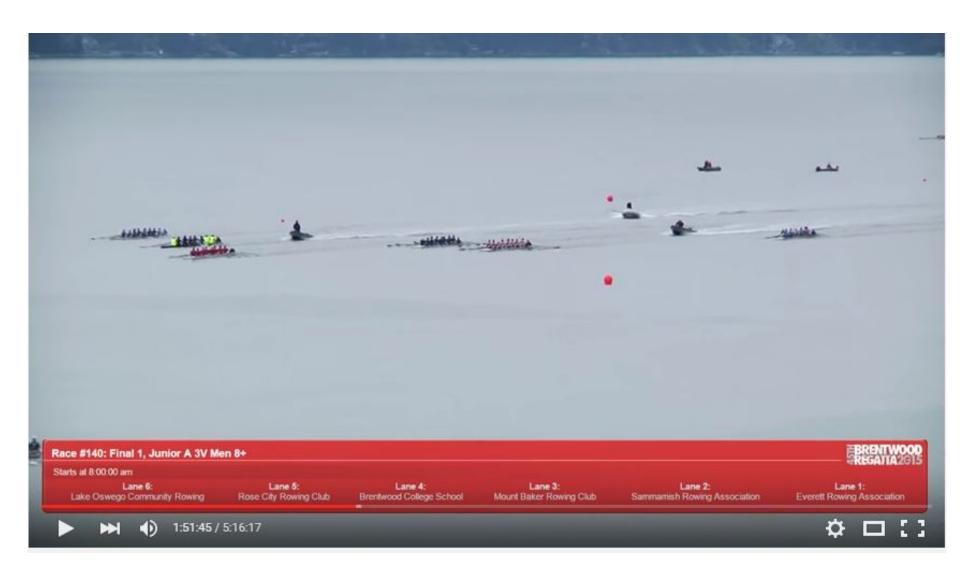


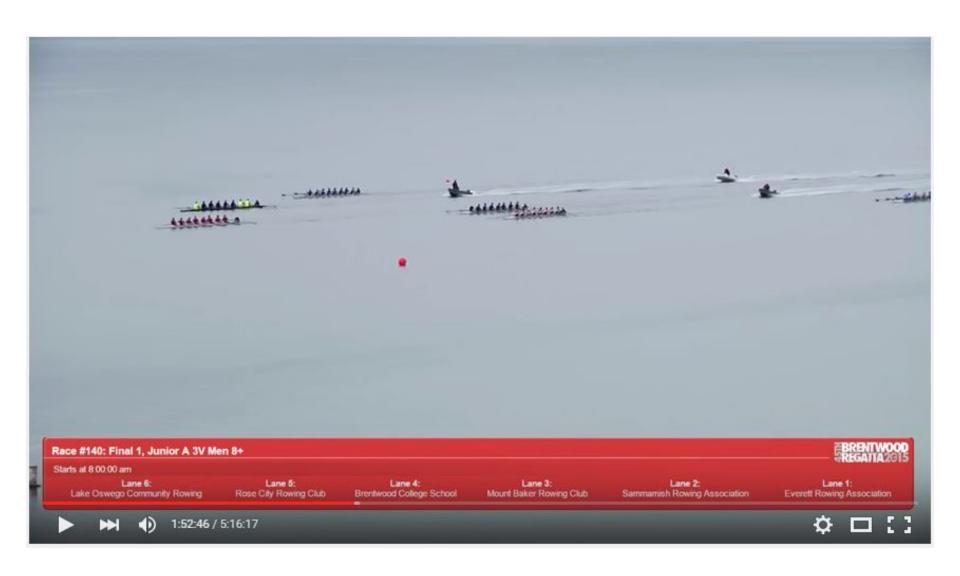


PRESENTATION FOR STATE OF Race #164: Final 1, Junior B Novice Men 8+ Started at 10.44:47 am Lane 2: Rose City Rowing Club Lane 5: Everett Rowing Association Lane 4: Mount Baker Rowing Club Lane 3: Sammamish Rowing Association Lane 1: Lake Oswego Community Rowing Brentwood College School **4:39 / 14:40**

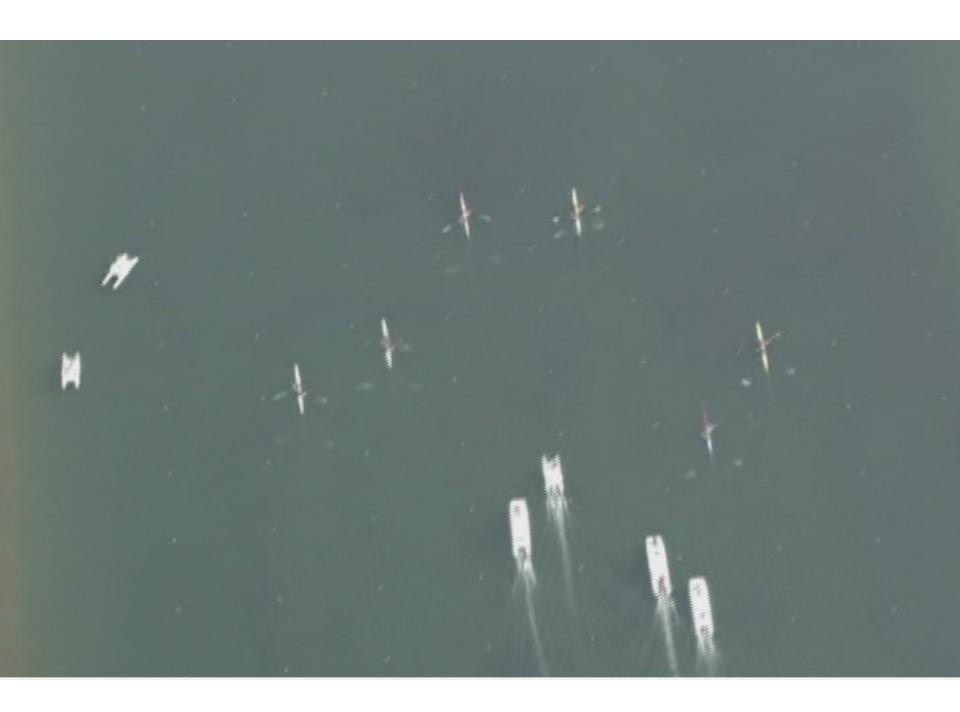














To recap ...

- Get yourself as close as possible without washing down any crew, nor impeding a sightline.
- Don't follow directly behind a boat.
- Listen for any radio traffic and watch your fellow umpire.