

Rowing Commands

Sight Find something and lay your hand on it.

Ship Put something in its working position.

Boat Put something in its storage position.

Way enough Oars in spurs, parallel with the water, blades feathered.

Gunwale oars Pull the oar across the boat to rest the grip on the opposite gunwale .

Stand by Get ready to row. Lean forward, corner of the blade in the water.

Give way Row forward. Pull on the oar (Reach, catch, pull, recover).

Way enough Stop rowing and return to the rest position.

Hold water Keep the blade firmly in the water to act as a brake.

Back water Row backwards. Push on the oar.

Trail oars Lean back, swing the oar across your chest so that it trails along beside the boat. The blade should not be in the water.

N.B. All the rowing commands can be given to one side or the other to manoeuvre the boat.

Toss oars Raise the oar upright, blades fore and aft

To toss oars from the oars boated, give the command "Toss oars"

You may do this with only part of the crew (1 or 2 at a time) to allow the others to help.

When shipping oars from the "Toss oars" position, lower the oars to the water, slightly under control. The blades should hit the water first.

To toss oars from the oars shipped, give the commands;

Toss oars, one The crew push the oar out as far as necessary to unship from the spur and bring the oar back in resting on the gunwale.

Two Push the grip of the oar down and put your foot on it

Three Lift the oar upright

Boat oars Lower the oars into the boat. This must be done in full control. Blades to the bow.