

Charles River Traffic Patterns

Community Rowing ■ **Upstream**

NEWTON YACHT CLUB CHANNEL
Upstream: Keep right of all buoys (Watertown)—very shallow
Downstream: Stay between the buoys and keep clear of the boat ramp

North Beacon Street Bridge

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Downstream: Cross into upstream traffic to avoid, but not excessively.

Arsenal Bridge

Northeastern Boathouse

Head of the Charles (HOCR) Finish Line

BB&N Cambridge Boat Club

Eliot Bridge

Harvard Newell Boathouse

Anderson Bridge

HOCR 2 mi.

Harvard Weld Boathouse

1200m Finish

Powerhouse Stretch: No stopping

1200m Start (Downstream)
HOCR 1 mi.

Weeks Footbridge

Downstream: Stay well to the outside of the turn, along the Boston shore.

Riverside Boathouse

River Street Bridge

Western Avenue Bridge

BU Bridge

Magazine Beach
 BU Boathouse
 HOCR start

Downstream returning to MIT: Continue along the Boston shore until just past the Storrow Drive footbridge or the Hyatt Hotel before crossing over into the MIT lane.
Caution: Stay clear of upstream crews on the 2K race course.

Launching from MIT: Stay along shore, watch out for upstream crews on the 2K race course and downstream crews returning to MIT.

2K Finish

MIT Lane

1500m

MIT Pierce Boathouse

Harvard Bridge

MIT Sailing Pavillion

1000m

500m

Downstream: Aim on the gold dome (Beacon Hill), then at the Boston corner of the Longfellow Bridge.

Union Lane

2K Start (Upstream)

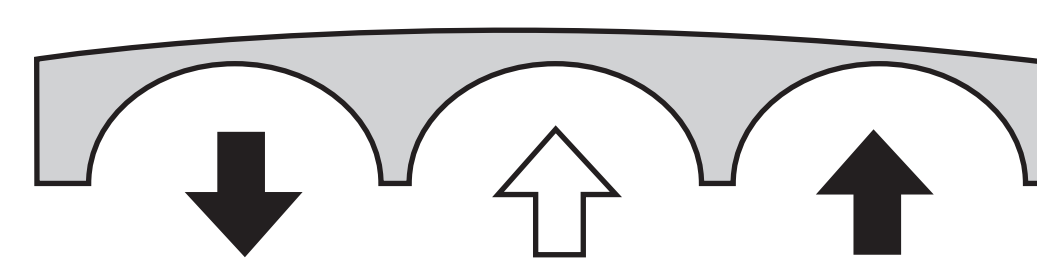
Union Boathouse

Longfellow Bridge

Bridge Traffic
 (View looking upstream)

- ↑ Normal Traffic
- ↑ Use only if necessary
- ⚠️ Caution; see notes
- ⊘ Do not use

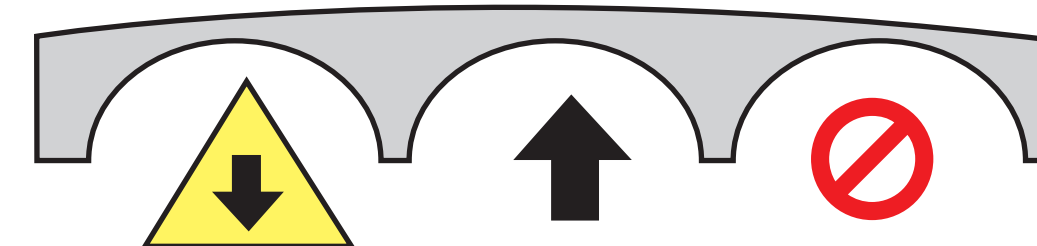
North Beacon



Arsenal



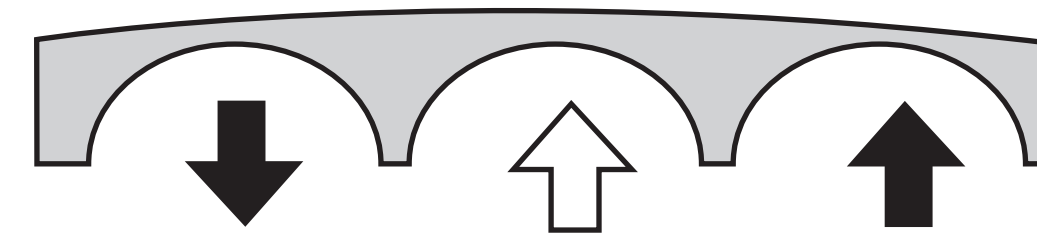
Eliot



Downstream: Stay along shore (~12 feet) through the turn.

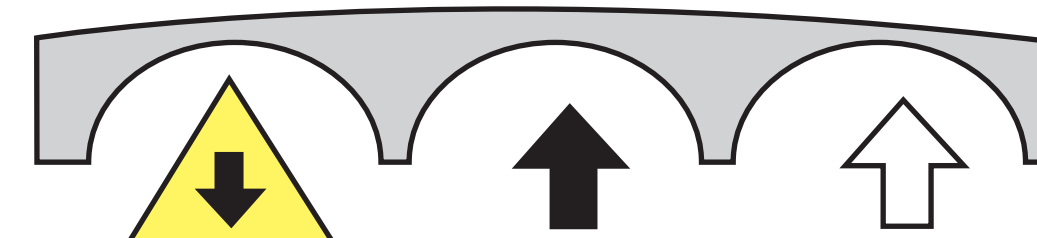
Upstream: Keep right. Watch for boats crossing to/from CBC.

Anderson



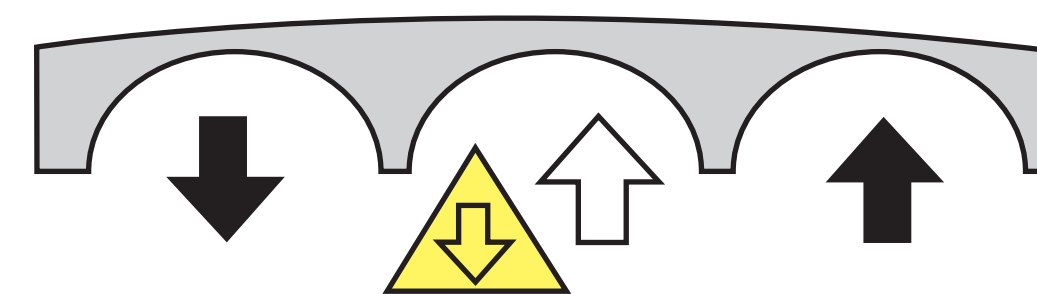
Upstream: If needed, use center arch to avoid Weld Boathouse traffic

Weeks Footbridge

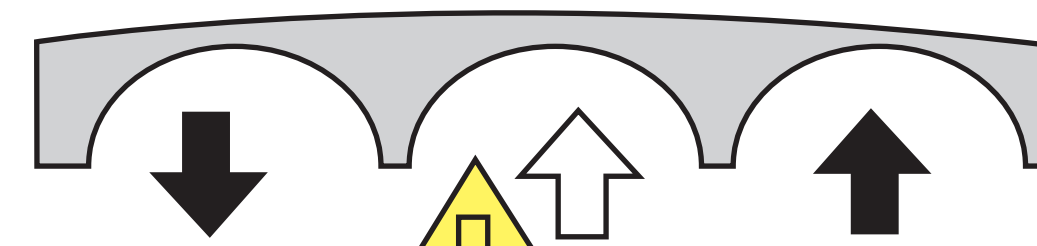


Downstream: Start your turn BEFORE you enter the bridge

Western Avenue

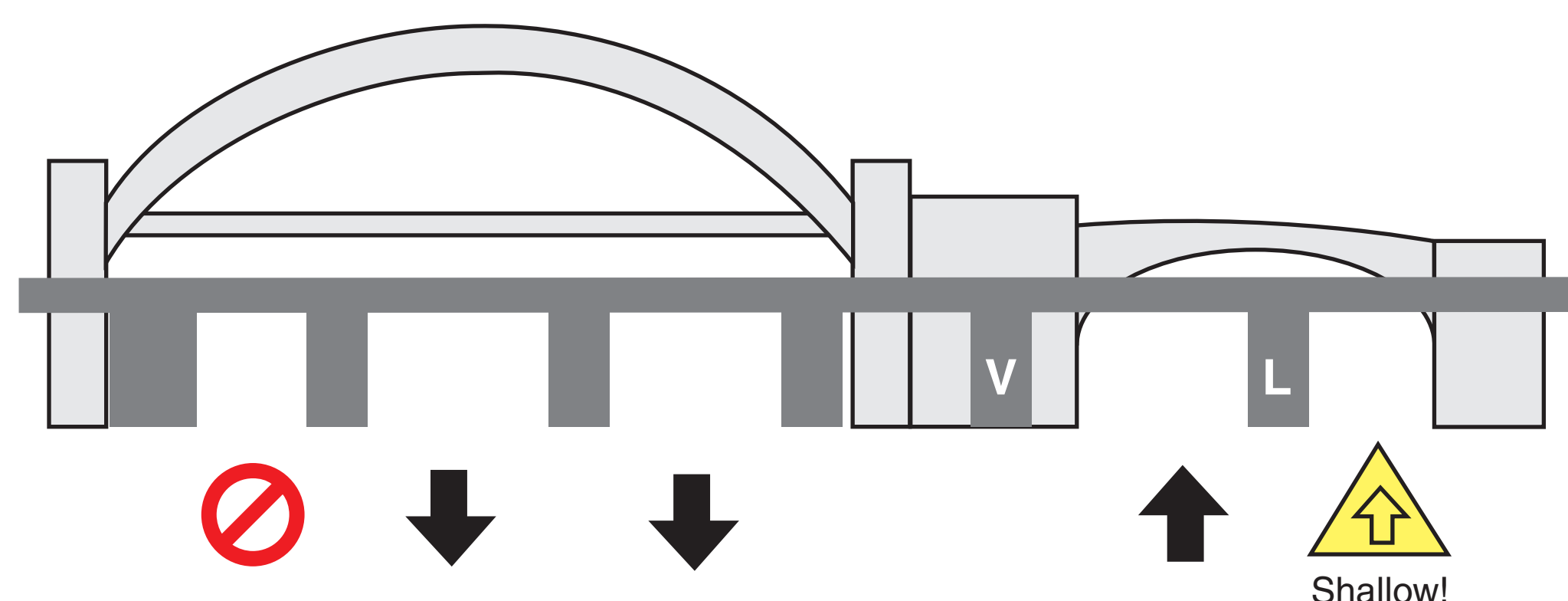


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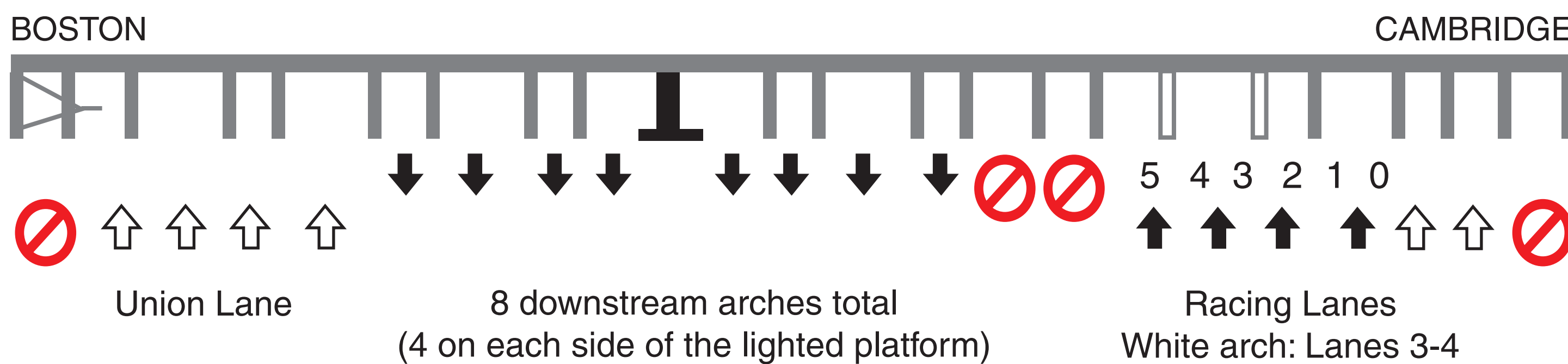


Powerhouse Stretch: Use center arch only if with coach; **NOTE:** Center arch is upstream ONLY between 5am-1pm from Labor Day through Thanksgiving

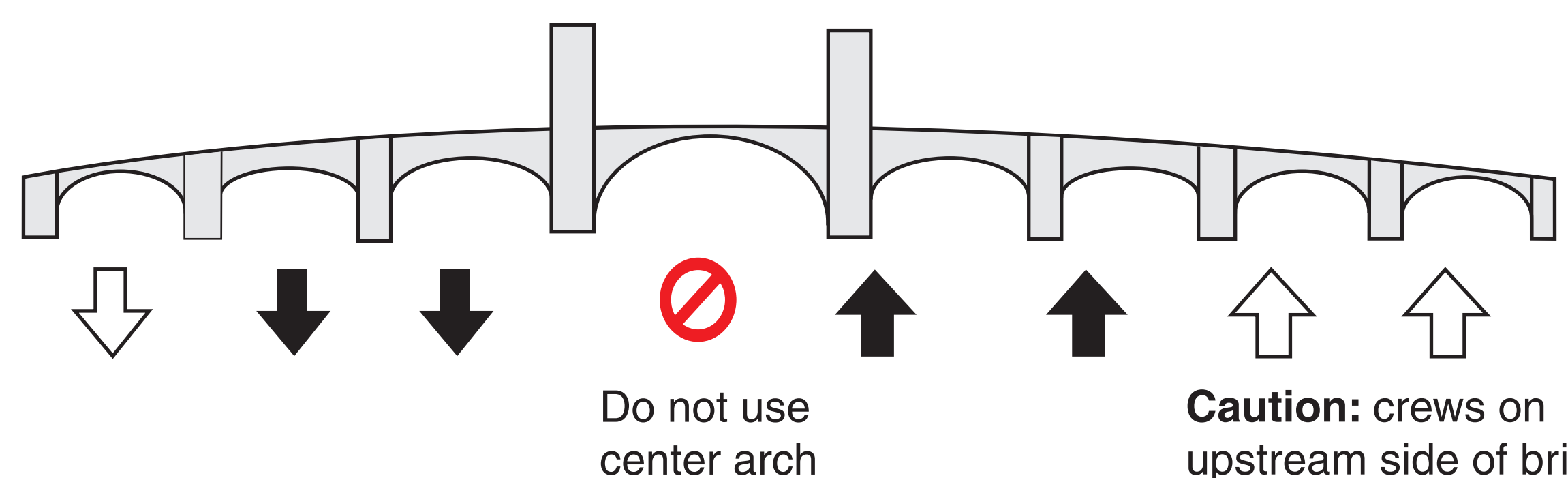
BU Bridge



Harvard (Mass Ave.)



Longfellow



North

Downstream