

## Key Collision Points

Below is a list of the key collision points on our stretch of the river where extra precaution needs to be taken.

### **1. Turning in front of the boat house**

Rowers need to be aware of boats coming on and off the river, boats entering and leaving the lock, pleasure boats passing through the bridge and boat hire rowing / motor boats.

If staying Downstream, Pass across to the theatre side of the river as quickly and directly as possible and be aware of hire boats coming out from the theatre landing stage.

When the wind is strong from the west allow extra room to turn before the bridge or the island.

### **2. Ferry Bend**

Rowers need to be aware of the line they take entering and leaving the bend to ensure they stay on their side of the river and do not get pushed across. Be aware of the ferry crossing the river when it is operating. Often there are pleasure boats moored by the bend.

### **3. The Weir**

In fast flowing river conditions you may need to turn early, be aware that larger boats and less experienced crews may need to turn earlier than you. Rowers need to be aware of other boats turning, boats manoeuvring to the coaching area, boats coming through the lock. Day trip boats will often cross to the wrong side of the river to turn by the weir.

On occasions there are boats scattering ashes in the river due respect needs to be given on these occasions by turning early and avoiding the 'internment'.

### **4. Clopton Bridge**

Care needs to be taken when passing through the arches of Clopton Bridge remember it is harder to come back through from upstream.

### **5. The 'S' Bend**

Caution is required round the 's' bend as visibility is limited and larger boats require more manoeuvring to negotiate the bend.

**Remember there is more risk of collision during the better weather when there is more traffic on the river.**