

Lake Merritt Rowing Club

Traffic Pattern



Standard Traffic Pattern

This is the standard traffic pattern around the lake.

Common Acceptable Alternatives

Alternate routes for 1K pieces or any time at full speed/power, such as from the finger to the fountain, **are acceptable only when supervised by a coach in a launch**. If unsupervised, alternatives must be at low speed/power.

- **Entering Finger from the Boat House:** Head toward the dam and then up until you cross the Finger axis, then take a 90-degree cut into the Finger.
- **Returning to the F-Bay from the Finger:** Cut across the Main Lake, briefly enter the traffic pattern until directly across from the F-Bay and then cut across to the F-Bay.

Important Notes

- The counter-clockwise traffic pattern must be followed, with boats staying on the right of the center line of the lake.
- Any boat following the established traffic pattern has the right of way
- Every boat on the water should watch and communicate to any boats nearby.
- When passing the boathouse, boats should stay inside the safety buoy (on the lake side of the buoy, not the dock side) to allow safe docking/launching of other boats.
- Acceptable alternate routes are generally perpendicular to the lake axes (90 degrees).
- Any route 180 degrees opposite to the traffic pattern (i.e., the wrong direction) is **never** allowed under any circumstances.