Ancient and Modern Rowing

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Figure 1. Map of the Boat Races course on the Tideway in London:

2. Equipment:

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