



Common Boat Commands

Paddles up!	Paddles raised, ready to move into the first stroke together
Take it away	Start paddling, following the strokes' lead.
Bumpers in/out	Bumpers are either taken in or put out on the dockside of the boat.
Let it run	Stop paddling, let the boat glide forward on its own momentum.
Hold the boat	Paddles quickly put down vertically into the water to stop the boat.
Back it down	Slowly paddle in reverse to back the boat up.
Draw right/left	Paddle towards the boat to pull the boat sideways.
Brace the boat	Paddles flat out just on the water's surface and still.
Hold for drift	Paddle blades parallel to the gunnel and paddle shaft is held against the gunnel.
Check and hold	Odd rows hold paddle parallel to gunnel, even rows hold perpendicular.
Focus in the boat	Call to establish a quiet boat and attention of the paddlers.
Back 1/2/3/4 rows	Back row paddlers to move the boat slowly forward.
Front 1/2/3/4 rows	Front row paddlers to move the boat slowly forward.
Lean out	Paddlers lean towards the outside of boat to balance the boat.
Walk it down	Paddlers move boat with hands pulling along dock.

Race Calls

- **All boats hold.**
- **We have alignment.**
- **Attention please.**
- **Go (horn or voice).**
- **Finish now.**