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Landing is an important part of your coxing abilities, not only because an improper landing can damage your boat, but also because landings are one of the few visible signs of your abilities. If you cox the best race of your life and follow it with an awful landing as seen below, you will probably be remembered more for the poor landing than for the great race.

No Wind/Current Landings

In calm no wind, no current conditions approach the dock at a 15 degree angle aiming for the beginning of the dock. Approach the dock slowly dropping from all eight 10 to 15 boat lengths away to bow four to bow pair for the last boat length or two. With bow pair rowing, approach until one of their blades is almost on top of the dock. Then glide it in as everyone leans away from the dock to lift the riggers over it. Remind the oarsmen repeatedly to lean away. If they don't, you'll have a bent rigger and an annoyed coach.

Head/Tail Wind/Current Landings

When there is a combination of wind and current, average out the two forces. A very strong current will outweigh a weak wind and vice versa. Sometimes wind and current will make your landings easier (it will push you onto the dock with no effort on your part); sometimes it will not.

In strong head wind or current situations, you will need more approach power; with a strong tail wind or current much less. Both landings use a 15 degree approach angle.

Cross Wind/Current Landings

In strong cross winds or currents that push you off the dock, you will often require help from someone on shore or need someone to jump out and pull the boat in by its oars. Use a 15 degree approach angle for crosswinds onto the dock; 5 or 10 degrees for crosswinds off the dock.

Do not hesitate to ask for help from someone on shore in high wind or current situations!

If you are in a difficult landing situations, stay calm. There is no reason to panic. If the landing you are attempting is hopeless, stop the attempt. Back it down a far distance from the dock (or make a U-turn) and try

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