

When you are wash hanging you want to be saving as much energy as possible sitting on the down hill wave letting gravity pull you along. Not climbing the wave or hitting the hill going forward



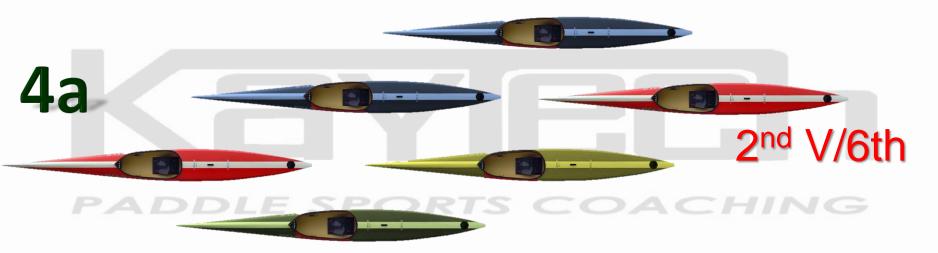


Your nose is approximately (outside?) where their paddle exits Not in front of them or so far wide you're ahead of the wave



Wash hanging-downstream

5th wash



Wash hanging-upstream

5th wash can be really hard in the flow and often people drop back into the red boats position.



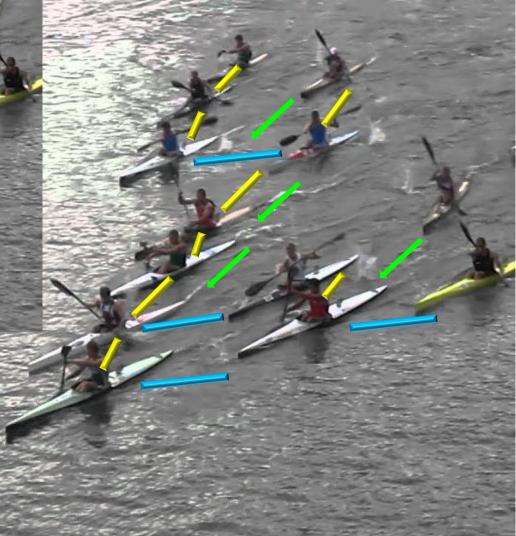
Yellow boat has a good wash as they are also getting bounce back/rebound from the bank so almost a full V wash. Green boat is OK but their wash can get pushed around depending on those in front and beside.

This gets further complicated when going past moored cruisers etc.

Big groups only usually happen on either wide water/lakes or going down stream when there is space to spread out. These don't tend to happen on British canals(!) or upstream in these shapes



Lefthand wave Right hand wave Where they are aiming for





Hard bank turns or bends in the river (can happen on stone bridge pillars but they are usually too short to notice).



Normal wash Bounce back/rebound wave Only happens on hard edges. Buoyed turns means you can be turning into your own waves



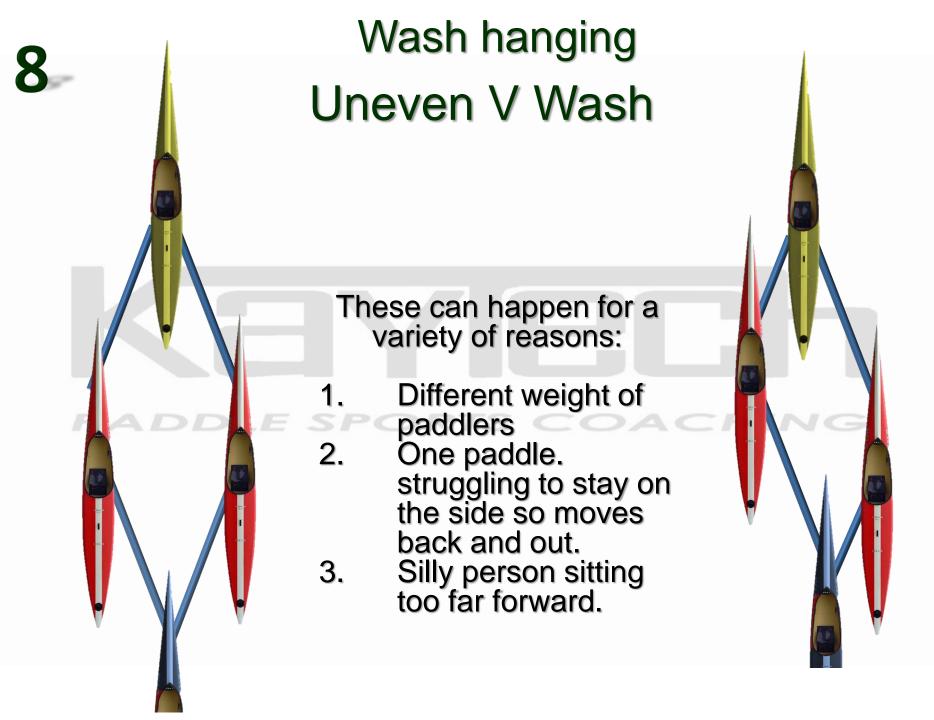
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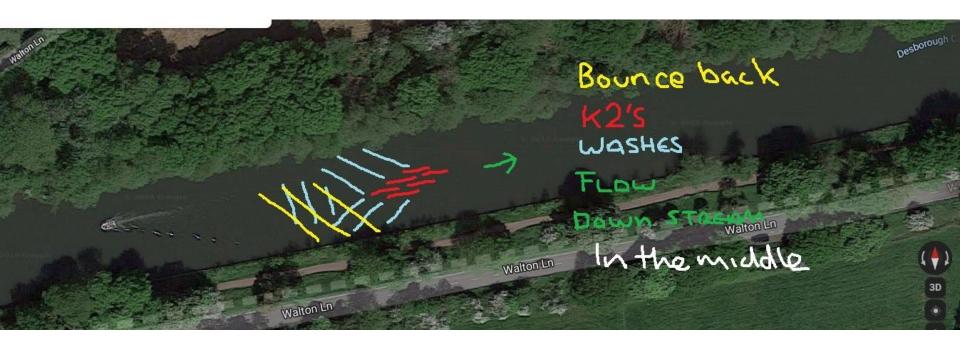
When a group burns the washes move in and further back. When the group slows down, they move out and forward.

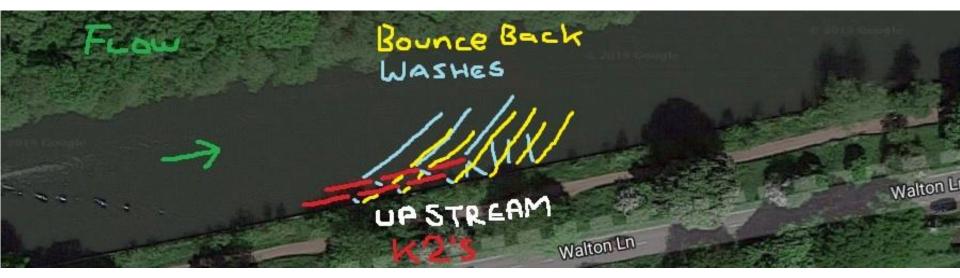
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Slow

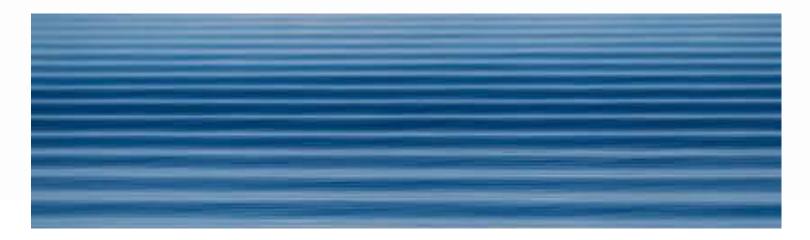








Look for the light and dark





Can you spot the Light & Dark? The shade depends on your direction to or from the sun.





