

River Thames – River Closure

Molesey Reach

Platts Eyot to Garrick's Ait

Tuesday 12 June 2018 – 10:30am to 2:30pm

100 Year Flood Event Exercise

Directions for navigation and general information during this event:

- The River Thames between Platts Eyot and Garrick's Ait will be **closed to all traffic** other than authorised boats from 10:30am and 2:30pm on Tuesday 12 June 2018. Periods within these times are available for traffic to pass through.
- Be aware a large scale exercise with our partners working together on a 100 year flood exercise, there will be a number of emergency vessels on site and air traffic.
- Casual mooring to the towpath or anchoring anywhere between Platts Eyot and Garrick's Ait is not allowed.
- Mooring at all authorised public, commercial or domestic moorings are allowed apart from EA Hurst Park 24 Hour Moorings, provided that all directions given by our Waterways Officers are followed.
- Those in charge of all boats must observe any directions given by our Waterways Officers
- Those in charge of boats should be aware that they are responsible for avoiding collision and should use all available means appropriate to the circumstances and conditions to decide if there is a risk of immediate danger and avoid it.

N.B. All directions as to river left and river right are given looking upstream.

Barry Russell MBE
Harbourmaster
11 June 2018

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Nothing contained in these directions shall supersede those parts of the Thames Navigation Licensing and General Byelaws 1993 as may be relevant.

And Notice is hereby given, that it is provided by Byelaw 52 of the Thames Navigation Licensing and General Byelaws, 1993 that:

The master of any vessel shall except in an emergency not pass any boat-race regatta public procession or gathering for the launch of a vessel or any other event or function which may cause a crowd to assemble on or by the river nor station his vessel thereon in such a manner as would risk obstructing impeding or interfering with such boat-race regatta procession launching event or function or endangering the safety of persons assembling on the river or preventing or interfering with the maintenance of order thereon.

The maximum penalty for breach of the Byelaws is £1,000

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