

## River Thames – river restriction

### Cookham Reach Bourne End Railway Bridge to Cookham Reach Sailing Club

**Saturday 5 September 2020 – 8:30am to 6pm**

### Cookham Regatta

**Directions for navigation and general information during this event:**

- The navigation channel shall be established on the Bourne End, right side of the river.
- Racing boats will be using a buoyed channel between Bourne End Railway Bridge and Cookham Reach Sailing Club on the Cookham, left side of the river.
- Regatta boards will mark the upstream and downstream extent of the course.
- Masters of all boats to maintain a safe speed and lookout between Bourne End Railway Bridge and Cookham Reach Sailing Club.
- All boats must be navigated in accordance with any instructions given from Environment Agency control points or patrol launches.
- 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.
- Bathing is not allowed in the river on the course during the hours of racing.

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

**Barry Russell MBE  
Harbour Master  
21 February 2020**

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Nothing contained in these directions shall supersede those parts of the Thames Navigation Licensing and General Byelaws 1993 and the UK Merchant Shipping (Distress Signals and Prevention of Collisions) Regulations 1996 as may be relevant. Particular attention should be paid to byelaws 24-42 of the Thames Navigation Licensing and General Byelaws 1993, Steering Sailing and Speed.

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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The Thames Navigation Licensing and General Byelaws 1993 can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/river-thames-navigation-licensing-and-general-byelaws-1993>