

## **River Thames – river restriction**

## Henley Reach, Henley Royal Regatta course Sunday 25 June 2017 – 4am to 7am Henley Classic Swim

Directions for navigation and general information during this event:

- Those in charge of boats in the vicinity of this event must conform with these directions and with any special directions which, at the discretion of a Harbourmaster, may be required in particular circumstances on this date.
- Between 4am and 7am on Sunday 25 June 2017 a long distance swim will take place on the Henley Royal Regatta course between the regatta start and finish point.
- **During the above times no boats**, including rowing craft, can navigate within the regatta course booms.
- The navigation channel for river traffic will be on the Buckinghamshire, Fawley Court, right side of the regatta course. Normal rules of navigation will apply in the navigation channel and boats must navigate with particular care and caution.
- All vessels on the Henley Reach during these times should keep a good look out for participants and safety boats.
- It is an offence to fail to conform with the directions in this notice or to obstruct an officer of the Environment Agency in the execution of their duty or to fail to obey directions given regarding the navigation, mooring or unmooring of any boat.
- 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.

**Note:** All directions as to left and right are given looking upstream.

Barry Russell MBE Harbourmaster 12 June 2017

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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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