

## River Thames – river restriction

### Henley Reach

### Upper Thames Rowing Club to 300 metres upstream of Hambleden Lock

**Friday 28 August 2020 – 4pm to 8:30pm**

**Saturday 29 August 2020 – 7am to 4:30pm**

### Henley Swim 2020

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

- The navigation channel for river traffic will be on the Oxfordshire, right side of the channel. All traffic should pass to the Oxfordshire side of Temple Island.
- Between 4pm and 8:30pm on Friday 28 August 2020, a 1 mile distance swim will take place in a buoyed channel from Remenham Farm to 300 metres upstream of Hambledon Lock.
- Between 7am and 4:30pm on Saturday 29 August 2020 a 1.3 mile distance swim will take place in a buoyed channel from downstream of Upper Thames Rowing Club to 300 metres upstream of Hambledon Lock.
- Safety Boats will mark the upstream and downstream extent of the course.
- During the above times no boats, including rowing craft, can navigate within the buoyed channel.
- Note: In addition to the safety boats a number of safety kayaks will be in attendance operating just outside the swimming channel, in the navigation channel, please be prepared to give way if they are involved in a rescue.

Please note: All directions as to left bank and right banks are given looking upstream.

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- 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.
- All boats must be navigated in accordance with any instructions given from the event safety boats, marshals and Environment Agency control points or patrol launches.
- Those in charge of boats should also 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.
- Please find additional information overleaf.

**Mark Hill**  
**Harbour Master**  
**28 July 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.

Environment Agency, Kings Meadow House, Kings Meadow Road, Reading, Berkshire, RG1 8DQ.

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>