

River Thames – river closure

Teddington Reach Hampton Court Bridge to 250 metres downstream of Steven's Eyot

**Saturday 14 March 2020 – 10:30am to 12:30pm
and 1:30pm to 3:30pm**

Kingston Head of the River Race

Directions for navigation and general information during this event:

- The River Thames between Hampton Court Bridge and 250 metres below Steven's Eyot will be **closed to all traffic** other than authorised boats from 10:30am to 12:30pm and 1:30pm to 3:30pm on Saturday 14 March 2020.
- Be aware racing boats will assemble downstream of Hampton Court Bridge half an hour before racing starts. Competitors will be dispatched at intervals to row to the downstream end of Steven's Eyot, Kingston.
- Mooring at all authorised public, commercial or domestic moorings are allowed 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.

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

Environment Agency, Kings Meadow House, Kings Meadow Road, Reading,
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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>

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