

River Thames – notice of event

Wallingford Bridge to upstream of Goring Lock

Sunday 19 August 2018 – 7:30am to 1pm

Long Reach Swim

Directions for navigation and general information during this event:

At 7:30am on Sunday 19 August 2018 150 swimmers will leave Wallingford Bridge and swim 9 kilometres downstream exiting the water just upstream of Goring Lock.

They will hug the left bank. The swimmers will be wearing hi-visibility swim caps, tow floats and will be escorted by canoe guards and powered boats.

All river users are asked to keep a good look out for the swimmers, navigate slowly and with particular caution when in their vicinity and give them a wide berth.

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

Barry Russell MBE
Harbourmaster
3 August 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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