

River Thames – river restriction

Marlow Reach

**Bisham Abbey to Higginson Park, 100 metres upstream
of Marlow Bridge**

Saturday 16 June 2018 – 9am to 5pm

Sunday 17 June 2018 – 9:30am to 2:30pm

Marlow Town Regatta and Canoe and Dragon Boat Races

Directions for navigation and general information during this event:

- The navigation channel shall be established on the Berkshire, left side of the river.
- Racing boats will be using a buoyed channel in the centre of the river and there will be a small channel on the Buckinghamshire, right side of the river for racing boats to embark/disembark and row upstream to the start line.
- Regatta boards will mark the upstream and downstream extent of the course.
- Masters of all boats to maintain a safe speed and lookout between Bisham Abbey and Higginson Park.
- 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.
- Mooring at Higginson Park will be suspended from 10pm on Friday 15 June to 7pm on Sunday 17 June 2018.

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

**Barry Russell
Harbourmaster
05 June 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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