

## River Thames - emergency river restriction

### Molesey Reach Taggs Island (Hampton Court Side) Monday 30 July to Friday 3 August 2018 – 8am to 6pm

### Multi Agency Exercise

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

- The navigation channel shall be established on the left, Surrey side of the river.
- Boats involved in the exercise will be using all river space up the Hampton Court side of Taggs Island which will be closed to normal navigation. Hurst Park 24 hour moorings will also be closed on the Monday 30 July.
- Any Vessels moored within the restriction that need to navigate must speak to an onsite Environment Agency officer or Police Officer before navigating.
- Environment Agency Vessels will mark the upstream and downstream extent of the restriction.
- Masters of all boats to maintain a safe speed and lookout between Platt's Eyot and Molesey Lock due to extra numbers of boats navigating around the area.
- 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.

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

**Barry Russell MBE**  
**Harbourmaster**  
**30 July 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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