

River Thames – river restriction

Caversham Reach

Caversham Bridge to St Mary's Island

Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 June 2019 – 9am to 7pm

Reading Amateur Regatta

Directions for navigation and general information during this event:

- The navigation channel shall be established on the right or north, non-towpath side of the river.
- Racing boats will be using a buoyed channel between Caversham Bridge and St Mary's Island on the left or south, towpath side of the river.
- Regatta boards will mark the upstream and downstream extent of the course.
- Racing will start at 9am and will be over by 7pm.
- Masters of all boats are to maintain a safe speed and lookout between Caversham Bridge and St Mary's Island.
- 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.

Note: All directions as to left and right are given looking upstream.

Barry Russell MBE
Harbour Master
24 May 2019

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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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