

River Thames – notice of event

Caversham Reach Purley Marina to Reading Rowing Club

Saturday 1 October 2016 – 8:30am to 4:30pm

Reading Small Boats Head

Directions for navigation and general information during this event:

This stretch of the river will be very busy on Saturday 1 October as Reading Rowing Club will be holding their annual small boats head race.

Three divisions of racing will take place at 9:30am, midday and 3pm.

The normal rules of navigation will apply to both racing boats and normal river traffic. All those navigating this reach between the above times should pay particular attention to byelaws 24 – 42 of The Thames Navigation Licensing and General Byelaws 1993.

The regatta marshals will be wearing high visibility jackets. Please pay attention to any advice they may offer as they are acting for the safety of both the rowers and other river users.

The marshals may request river traffic heading downstream to wait at Mapledurham Lock until all of the rowers in the current division have started their race. If you are able to wait for the division to set off before proceeding with your journey this will be greatly appreciated by both the competitors and organisers.

Barry Russell MBE
Harbourmaster
8 September 2016

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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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