

River Thames – river closure

Mapledurham Lock to Caversham Bridge, Reading

**Saturday 3 March 2018 – 10am to 12:30pm and
2pm to 4:30pm**

Reading University Head of the River Race

Directions for navigation and general information during this event:

From 10am to 12:30pm and from 2pm to 4:30pm all those in charge of boats should comply with the following general directions and with any special directions which may be given in particular circumstances:

- Boats **cannot** navigate anywhere on the River Thames between Mapledurham Lock and Caversham Bridge, Reading.
- Casual mooring to the towpath or anchoring anywhere between Mapledurham Lock and Caversham Bridge, Reading is **not allowed**.
- Mooring at all authorised public, commercial or domestic moorings is allowed provided that all directions given by our Waterway Officers are followed.
- All boats must be navigated in accordance with any instructions given from Environment Agency control points or patrol launches.
- Bathing or swimming is **not allowed** in the river between Mapledurham Lock and Caversham Bridge, Reading during these times.

Barry Russell MBE
Harbourmaster
16 February 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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