

## River Thames – temporary river closure

### Forbury Loop (River Kennet)

**8am on Thursday 8 June to midday on Sunday 11 June 2017**

### Reading Water Fest

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

- The Forbury Loop on the River Kennet in Reading will be **closed** to all boats other than those participating in the Reading Water Fest.
- No public mooring will be allowed in the Forbury Loop during this closure.
- The main navigation channel will remain open throughout.
- Access to and from the 'Bel & the Dragon' restaurant moorings will not be affected by this closure.

This closure is for the safety of both participants in the event and other river users, we apologise for any inconvenience it may cause.

**Barry Russell MBE**  
Harbourmaster  
25 April 2017

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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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