

## River Thames – river restriction

### Sonning Reach

**Opposite Reading Blue Coat School boathouse  
which is 350 metres upstream of Sonning Lock**

**Saturday 26 May 2018 – 11am to 7pm**

### Sonning Regatta

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

- The navigation channel shall be established on the Thames Path, left hand side of the river.
- Racing boats will be using a buoyed channel for 400 metres opposite Reading Blue Coat School boathouse on the Oxfordshire, right hand side of the river.
- Regatta boards will mark the upstream and downstream extent of the course.
- Masters of all boats to maintain a safe speed and lookout in the vicinity of the regatta.
- 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 bank and right banks are given looking upstream.

**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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