

River Thames – river closure

Between Molesey and Teddington Locks Hampton Court Bridge to the head of Trowlock Island, Teddington

**Saturday 3 December 2016 – 9:30am to 11:30am and
1pm to 3pm**

Teddington Small Boats Head

Directions for navigation and general information during this event:

- The River Thames between Hampton Court and the head of Trowlock Island will be **closed to all traffic** other than authorised boats from 9:30am to 11:30am and 1pm to 3pm.
- Be aware that racing boats will assemble downstream of Hampton Court Bridge half an hour before racing starts. Competitors will be despatched at intervals to row to the head of Trowlock Island, Teddington. They will pass on the Middlesex, right side of Thames Ditton Island, the Surrey, left side of Raven's Ait, through the centre arches of Kingston road and railway bridges and on the Middlesex, right side of Steven's Eyot finishing at the head of Trowlock Island, Teddington.
- Casual mooring to the towpath or anchoring anywhere between Hampton Court Bridge and Kingston Bridge and on the Middlesex, right side of Steven's Eyot 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.
- 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 or swimming is not allowed in the river between Hampton Court Bridge and the head of Trowlock Island, Kingston during these times.

N.B. All directions as to left and right are given looking upstream.

Barry Russell MBE
Harbourmaster
10 October 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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