

River Thames – river restriction

**Kingston Reach,
Ferry Road, Thames Ditton to the River Mole confluence**

Saturday 13 May 2017 – 7:00am to 8:00pm

Thames Ditton Regatta

Directions for navigation and general information during this event:

- The navigation channel shall be established on the right hand, Hampton Court side of the river.
- Racing boats will be using a buoyed channel between Ferry Road, Thames Ditton and the River Mole confluence on the left hand, Thames Ditton side of the river.
- Regatta boards will mark the upstream and downstream extent of the racing course.
- Racing will commence at 7:30am and will be finished by 7:30pm.
- Masters of all boats to maintain a safe speed and lookout between Ferry Road, Thames Ditton and the River Mole confluence.
- All boats must be navigated in accordance with any instructions given from Environment Agency officers, control points or patrol launches.
- Masters of all 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.
- A number of safety boats will be in attendance operating just outside the regatta channel. In the navigation channel, masters of all boats must be prepared to give way to the safety boats if they are involved in a rescue.
- Bathing is not permitted in the course in the river during the hours of racing.
- **All directions as to river left and river right are given looking upstream.**

**Barry Russell
Harbourmaster
11 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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