

River Thames – river closure

Between Molesey and Teddington Locks Hampton Court Bridge to 250 metres below Stevens Ait

**Saturday 8 November 2014 – 10:00 to 12:00 and
13:00 to 15:00**

Kingston Small Boats Head

Directions for navigation and general information during this event:

- The River Thames between Hampton Court Bridge and 250 metres below Stevens Ait will be closed to all traffic other than authorised boats between 10:00 – 12:00 and 13:00 – 15:00 on this date.
- 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 downstream end of Steven's Ait Kingston. They will pass on the Middlesex side of Thames Ditton Island, the Surrey side of Raven's Ait through the centre arches of Kingston Road and railway bridges and on the Middlesex side of Steven's Ait.
- Casual mooring to the towpath or anchoring anywhere between Hampton Court Bridge and Kingston Bridge, on the Middlesex side of Steven's Ait 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.
- Those in charge of all boats must observe any directions given by our Waterway officers.
- 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.

**Andrew Graham
Harbourmaster
30 September 2014**

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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