

## River Thames – river restriction

### Molesey Reach

**Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th July 2015 – 08:00 to 18:00**

### National Sea Scout Regatta

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

- A navigation channel shall be established on the Middlesex side of the river.
- Racing boats will use a buoyed channel that shall not extend upstream more than 250 metres beyond the confluence with the River Mole nor downstream beyond the upstream end of Thames Ditton Island. It shall be confined to the Surrey side of the river.
- Regatta boards will mark the upstream and downstream extent of the course.
- Racing will start at 09.00 and be over by 17.00.
- 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.
- Masters of all boats to maintain a safe speed and lookout from 250 metres upstream of the confluence of the River Mole to the upstream end of Thames Ditton Island
- All boats must be navigated in accordance with any instructions given from Environment Agency control points or patrol launches.
- Bathing is not allowed in the river on the course during the hours of racing.

**Andrew Graham  
Harbourmaster  
28May 2015**

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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