

River Thames – river closure

Between Sunbury and Molesey Locks Sunbury Lock to Benns Island (downstream of Platt's Eyot, Hampton)

**Saturday 21 November 2015 – 09.30 to 12.00
and 13.30 to 16.00**

Hampton Small Boats Head

Directions for navigation and mooring during this closure:

- The river between Sunbury Lock and Benns Island (just downstream of Platt's Eyot, Hampton) will be **closed to all traffic** other than authorised vessels between 09.30 – 12.00 and 13.30 – 16.00 hours.
- During these times casual mooring to the towpath opposite Platt's Eyot on the Surrey Bank will not be allowed.
- Be aware that racing boats will assemble downstream of Sunbury Lock half an hour before racing starts. Competitors will be despatched at intervals to row to a finish upstream of Benns Island. They will pass on the Surrey side of Platt's Eyot.
- Take particular caution downstream of the finish of the course at Garricks Ait whilst rowing crews disperse at the end of the races.
- 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
12 October 2015**

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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 this Byelaws is £1000

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