

#### River Thames - river closure

# Between Bell Weir and Old Windsor Locks From the Bells of Ouzeley public house to the Runnymede Pleasure Grounds

### Monday 15 June 2015 – 09.00 to 11.45

## **Magna Carta Celebration Event**

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

For safety and security reasons from 09.00 to 11.45 all those in charge of boats should comply with the following general directions and with any special directions which may be given in particular circumstances:

- Boats **cannot navigate** for a distance of 600 metres on the River Thames between the Bells of Ouzeley public house and the Runnymede Pleasure Grounds.
- Casual and temporary mooring or anchoring anywhere between the Bells of Ouzeley public house and the Runnymede Pleasure Grounds is **not allowed** from 20.00 on Sunday 14 June until the conclusion of the Celebration Event at approximately 11.45 on Monday 15 June 2015.
- All boats must be navigated in accordance with any instructions given from Environment Agency and Police control points or launch crews.
- Bathing or swimming is **not allowed** in the river between the Bells of Ouzeley public house and Wraysbury Skiff and Punting Club.

Andrew Graham Harbourmaster 6 May 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.

**Furthermore,** it is provided by Byelaw 58 of the Thames Navigation Licensing and General Byelaws, 1993 that: The master of every vessel shall obey and conform to the directions of any Officer of the Authority relating to the use navigation mooring or unmooring of such vessel.

The maximum penalty for breach of the Byelaws is £1,000

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