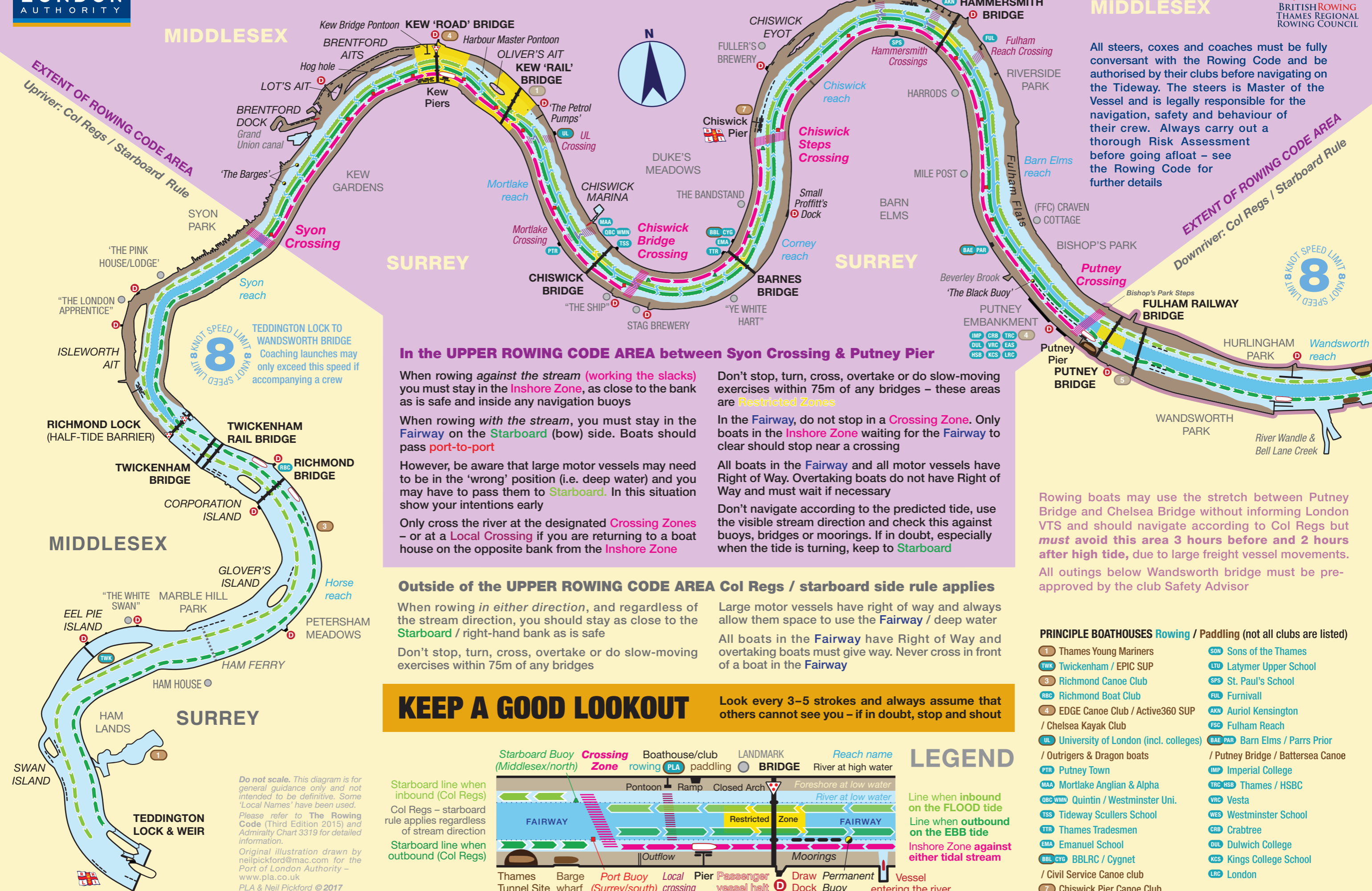


BASIC PRINCIPLES OF TIDEWAY NAVIGATION UPPER

To accompany "Rowing on the Tideway – A Code of Practice for Rowing on the Tidal Thames" (Edition 3/r1 2017)

MIDDLESEX
 EXTENT OF ROWING CODE AREA
 Upriver: Col Regs / Starboard Rule

MIDDLESEX
 Downriver: Col Regs / Starboard Rule



All steers, coxes and coaches must be fully conversant with the Rowing Code and be authorised by their clubs before navigating on the Tideway. The steers is Master of the Vessel and is legally responsible for the navigation, safety and behaviour of their crew. Always carry out a thorough Risk Assessment before going afloat – see the Rowing Code for further details

In the UPPER ROWING CODE AREA between Syon Crossing & Putney Pier

When rowing *against the stream* (working the slacks) you must stay in the **Inshore Zone**, as close to the bank as is safe and inside any navigation buoys

Don't stop, turn, cross, overtake or do slow-moving exercises within 75m of any bridges – these areas are **Restricted Zones**

When rowing *with the stream*, you must stay in the **Fairway** on the **Starboard** (bow) side. Boats should pass **port-to-port**

In the **Fairway**, do not stop in a **Crossing Zone**. Only boats in the **Inshore Zone** waiting for the **Fairway** to clear should stop near a crossing

However, be aware that large motor vessels may need to be in the 'wrong' position (i.e. deep water) and you may have to pass them to **Starboard**. In this situation show your intentions early

All boats in the **Fairway** and all motor vessels have Right of Way. Overtaking boats do not have Right of Way and must wait if necessary

Only cross the river at the designated **Crossing Zones** – or at a **Local Crossing** if you are returning to a boat house on the opposite bank from the **Inshore Zone**

Don't navigate according to the predicted tide, use the visible stream direction and check this against buoys, bridges or moorings. If in doubt, especially when the tide is turning, keep to **Starboard**

Outside of the UPPER ROWING CODE AREA Col Regs / starboard side rule applies

When rowing in *either direction*, and regardless of the stream direction, you should stay as close to the **Starboard** / right-hand bank as is safe

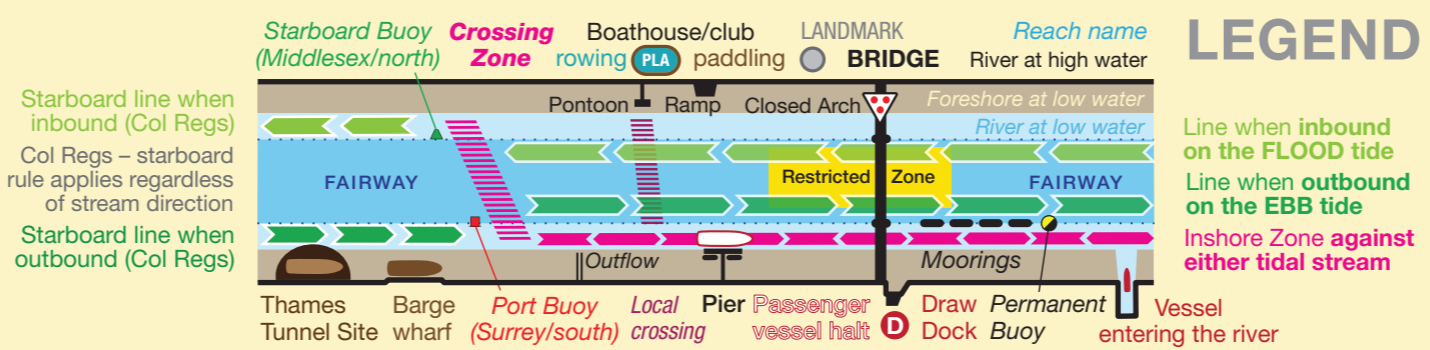
Large motor vessels have right of way and always allow them space to use the **Fairway** / deep water

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All boats in the **Fairway** have Right of Way and overtaking boats must give way. Never cross in front of a boat in the **Fairway**

KEEP A GOOD LOOKOUT

Look every 3–5 strokes and always assume that others cannot see you – if in doubt, stop and shout



LEGEND

Line when **inbound on the FLOOD tide**
 Line when **outbound on the EBB tide**
Inshore Zone against either tidal stream

PRINCIPLE BOATHOUSES Rowing / Paddling (not all clubs are listed)

- 1 Thames Young Mariners
- 2 Sons of the Thames
- 3 Twickenham / EPIC SUP
- 4 Latymer Upper School
- 5 Richmond Canoe Club
- 6 St. Paul's School
- 7 Richmond Boat Club
- 8 Fulham Reach
- 9 EDGE Canoe Club / Active360 SUP / Chelsea Kayak Club
- 10 Auriol Kensington
- 11 University of London (incl. colleges)
- 12 Barn Elms / Parris Prior
- 13 Outriggers & Dragon boats
- 14 Putney Bridge / Battersea Canoe
- 15 Putney Town
- 16 Imperial College
- 17 Mortlake Anglian & Alpha
- 18 Thames / HSBC
- 19 Quintin / Westminster Uni.
- 20 Vesta
- 21 Tideway Scullers School
- 22 Westminster School
- 23 Thames Tradesmen
- 24 Crabtree
- 25 Emanuel School
- 26 Dulwich College
- 27 BBLRC / Cygnet
- 28 Kings College School
- 29 Civil Service Canoe club
- 30 London
- 31 Chiswick Pier Canoe Club

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