

NOTICE TO MARINERS U12 of 2017

MORTLAKE TO BARN ELMS REACH RIVER CLOSURES 2017/18 HEAD OF THE RIVER RACES

The river will be closed to navigation between Mortlake and Putney for the 2017/18 Head of the River Races as follows:

Date	Race	Race Start	Time of Closure
Saturday 14 th October 2017	Pairs Head of the River	12:00	11:00 – 14:30
Saturday 11 th November 2017	Veterans' Fours Head of the River	10:30	09:30 – 13:00
Sunday 12 th November 2017	Fuller's Head of the River Fours	10:45	09:45 – 13:15
Saturday 2 nd December 2017	Vesta Scullers' Head of the River	09:30	08:30 – 12:00
Saturday 27 th January 2018	Quintin Eights Head of the River	11:30	10:30 – 14:00
Sunday 25 th February 2018	Hammersmith Head of the River	11:00	10:00 – 14:00
Saturday 10 th March 2018	Women's Eights Head of the River	09:45	08:45 – 12:15
Sunday 11 th March 2018	The Head of the River Race	10:45	09:45 – 13:15
Monday 12 th March 2018	Schools' Head of the River	13:00	12:00 – 15:30
Sunday 25 th March 2018	Vesta Veterans' Head of the River	10:00	09:00 – 12:30

(NB - re-opening times are approximate)

Vessels navigating in the area are warned that a large number of rowing craft will be encountered before and after the closure times. **All vessels are to proceed with caution, with special attention to their wash.**

Harbour Service launches exhibiting flashing blue lights will mark the limits of the closures and no craft other than official safety craft shall be underway on the courses whilst the races are in progress.

London VTS will broadcast any additional information on **VHF Channel 14**.

All vessels not participating in the races must be clear of the closed areas before the closure starts.

Further details of each river closure are as follows:

Pairs Head of the River Race – Sunday 14th October 2017

11:00 – 14:30

(rowed on the ebb tide Mortlake to Hammersmith)

No vessel may pass upstream of Barn Elms Boathouse or downstream of Kew Railway Bridge after 11:00 until the last competing crew has arrived at Hammersmith Bridge and is returning inward bound, expected to be at approximately 14:30.

Racing pairs will be marshalled on both sides of the river between the Bandstand and Kew Railway Bridge from approximately 11:00.

The race will start at 12:00 from Chiswick Bridge.

Veterans' Fours Head of the River Race – Saturday 11th November 2017

09:30 – 13:00

(rowed on the ebb tide Putney to Mortlake)

No vessel may pass upstream of Fulham Railway Bridge or downstream of Kew Railway Bridge after 09:30 until the last competing crew has arrived at Putney Bridge and is outward bound, expected to be at approximately 13:00.

Racing fours will be marshalled on both sides of the river between Barnes Railway Bridge and Kew Railway Bridge, from approximately 09:30. In the event of poor weather conditions and subject to PLA consent, the start time maybe delayed slightly.

The race will start at 10:30 from Chiswick Bridge.

Fullers Head of the River Fours – Sunday 12th November 2017

09:45 to 13:15

(rowed on the ebb tide Mortlake to Putney)

No vessel may pass upstream of Fulham Railway Bridge or downstream of Kew Railway Bridge after 09:45 until the last competing crew has arrived at Putney and is inward bound, expected to be at approximately 13:15.

Racing fours will be marshalled on both sides of the river between Chiswick Steps and Kew Railway Bridge, from approximately 09:45. In the event of poor weather conditions and subject to PLA consent, the start time maybe delayed slightly.

The race will start at 10:45 from Chiswick Bridge.

Vesta Scullers Head of the River Race – Saturday 2nd December 2017
08:30 to 12:00
(rowed on the flood tide Putney to Mortlake)

No vessel may pass upstream of Fulham Railway Bridge or downstream of Kew Railway Bridge after 08:30 until the last competing crew has arrived at Putney and is inward bound, expected to be at approximately 12:00.

Scullers will be marshalled on both sides of the river between Barn Elms Boat Club and the Mile Post, from approximately 08:30.

The race will start at 09:30 from Chiswick Bridge.

Quintin Eights Head of the River Race - Saturday 27th January 2018
10:30 to 14:00
(rowed on the ebb tide Chiswick to Hammersmith)

No vessel may pass upstream of the Barn Elms Boat Club or downstream of Kew Railway Bridge after 10:30 until the last competing crew has arrived at Hammersmith and is inward bound, expected to be at approximately 14:00.

Racing eights will be marshalled on the Surrey sides of the river between Chiswick Steps and Chiswick Bridge from approximately 10:30

The race will start at 11:30 from Chiswick Bridge.

Hammersmith Head of the River Race – Sunday 25th February 2018
10:00 – 14:00
(rowed on the ebb tide Mortlake to Hammersmith)

No vessel may pass upstream of the Barn Elms Boat Club or downstream of Kew Railway Bridge after 10:00 until the last competing crew has arrived at Hammersmith Bridge and is inward bound, expected to be at approximately 14:00.

The racing boats will be marshalled on both sides of the river between Kew Rail Bridge and Barnes Railway Bridge, from approximately 10:00. In the event of poor weather conditions and subject to PLA consent, the start time maybe delayed slightly.

The race will start at 11:00 from Chiswick Bridge.

The river will remain closed until the last competitor has completed at Hammersmith Bridge and is inward bound, expected to be at approximately 14:00.

Women's Eights Head of the River - Saturday 10th March 2018
08:45 to 12:15
(rowed on the ebb tide Mortlake to Putney)

No vessel may pass upstream of Fulham Railway Bridge or downstream of Kew Railway Bridge after 08:45 until the last competing crew has arrived at Putney and is inward bound, expected to be at approximately 12:15.

Racing eights will be marshalled on both sides of the river between Chiswick Steps and Kew Railway Bridge from approximately 08:45. In the event of poor weather conditions and subject to PLA consent, the start time maybe delayed slightly.

The race will start at 09:45 from Chiswick Bridge.

The Head of the River Race – Sunday 11th March 2018
09:45 – 13:15
(rowed on the ebb tide Mortlake to Putney)

No vessel may pass upstream of Fulham Railway Bridge or downstream of Kew Railway Bridge after 09:45 until the last competing crew has arrived at Putney and is inward bound, expected to be at approximately 13:15.

Racing eights will be marshalled on both sides of the river between Chiswick Steps and Kew Rail Bridge, from approximately 09:45. In the event of poor weather conditions and subject to PLA consent, the start time maybe delayed slightly.

The race will start at 10:45 from Chiswick Bridge.

Schools' Head of the River Race – Monday 12th March 2018
12:00 to 15:30
(rowed on the ebb tide Mortlake to Putney)

No vessel may pass upstream of Fulham Railway Bridge or downstream of Kew Railway Bridge after 12:00 until the last competing crew has arrived at Putney and is inward bound, expected to be at approximately 15:30.

The racing boats will be marshalled on both sides of the river between Kew Rail Bridge and Barnes Railway Bridge, from approximately 12:00. In the event of poor weather conditions and subject to PLA consent, the start time maybe delayed slightly.

The race will start at 13:00 from Chiswick Bridge.

Vesta Veterans' Head – Sunday 25th March 2018
09:00 to 12:30
(rowed on the flood tide Putney to Chiswick)

No vessel may pass upstream of Putney Bridge or downstream of Kew Railway Bridge after 09:00 until the last competing crew has arrived at Chiswick Bridge and is outward bound, expected to be at approximately 12:30.

Racing eights will be marshalled on both sides of the river between Barn Elms Boat Club and the Mile Post, from approximately 09:00.

The race will start at 10:00 from the Mile Post.

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EXPIRY DATE: 1st April 2018
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