

NOTICE TO MARINERS U15 of 2015

ANNUAL EVENT CALENDAR ROWING/PADDLING AUTUMN/WINTER 2015/16

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The following events will be held on the river Thames from 13th September 2015 to 1st April 2016 between Teddington Lock and Crossness. This is not an exhaustive list of all events on the tidal Thames, however includes all major events likely to affect navigation.

Rowing vessels and coaching launches in the area that are not involved in these races are asked to avoid obstructing races, as safely as possible.

All vessels not involved in these events should proceed at a slow speed, with caution, and not stop in the area adjacent to the race course.

Subject to operational requirements, a Harbour Service Launch will be in the area whilst the events are taking place.

Latest information on the regattas may be obtained from the Harbour Service Launch, call sign **“Thames Patrol”**, or from **London VTS** on **VHF Channel 14**.

Date	Event	Location	Closure Start	Race Start	Race Finish
13 th Sept 2015	PBDRC Club Races	West India Dock to PBDRC Clubhouse	n/a	10:30	11:30
19 th Sept 2015	Big Ben International SUP Race	Putney to Westminster Bridge	n/a	17:30	19:00
20 th Sept 2015	Tidefest	Kew	n/a	09:00	18:00
10 th Oct 2015	Pairs HARR	Chiswick Bridge to Hammersmith Bridge	14:30	15:30	18:00
7 th Nov 2015	Fours HARR	Chiswick Bridge to Putney Bridge	11:45	12:45	15:15
8 th Nov 2015	Veterans' Fours HARR	Chiswick Bridge to Putney Bridge	12:45	13:45	15:45
12 th Nov 2015	Wingfield Sculls	Putney Bridge to Chiswick Bridge	n/a	12:30	15:00
14 th Nov 2015	Lord Mayor's Show Flotilla	Westminster Boating Base to HMS President	n/a	08:30	09:30
28 th Nov 2015	United Hospitals Novice Regatta	Chiswick Bridge & Kew Railway Bridge	n/a	09:30	15:45
5 th Dec 2015	Vesta Scullers HARR	Chiswick Bridge to Putney Bridge	10:00	11:00	13:30

6 th Dec 2015	University of London Allom Cup	Chiswick Bridge & Kew Railway Bridge	n/a	09:00	16:00
10 th Dec 2015	Trial 8's – Women	Putney Bridge to Chiswick Bridge	n/a	11:00 TBC	13:00 TBC
11 th Dec 2015	Trial 8's - Men	Putney Bridge to Chiswick Bridge	n/a	11:00 TBC	13:30 TBC
19 th Dec 2015	Remenham Challenge	Chiswick Pier to Putney Bridge	n/a	10:00	11:00
10 th Jan 2015	Barking and Dagenham Canoe Club Race	Barking Creek	n/a	12:00	15:00
23 rd Jan 2016	Quintin Eights HERR	Chiswick Bridge & Hammersmith Bridge	10:00	11:00	13:30
24 th Jan 2016	United Hospitals Winter Regatta	Chiswick Bridge & Kew Railway Bridge	n/a	09:30	16:00
7 th Feb 2016	Dewar Shield	Chiswick Bridge to Hammersmith Bridge	n/a	14:45	16:45
14 th Feb 2016	Greenwich HERR	Wapping Pier to PBDRC clubhouse	n/a	09:30	12:00
14 th Feb 2016	Boustead Cup	Mortlake to Putney Bridge	n/a	11:30	12:30
20 th Feb 2016	Hammersmith HERR	Chiswick Bridge & Hammersmith Bridge	12:00	13:00	15:00
5 th Mar 2016	Women's HERR	Chiswick Bridge to Putney Bridge	11:45	12:45	15:15
6 th Mar 2016	United Hospitals Head Race	Syon Pavilion & Chiswick Bridge	n/a	13:00	17:00
17 th Mar 2016	Schools HERR	Chiswick Bridge to Putney Bridge	11:00	12:00	14:30
19 th Mar 2016	Head of the River Race	Chiswick Bridge to Putney Bridge	12:30	13:30	16:00
20 th Mar 2016	Vesta Veterans' HERR	Chiswick Bridge to Putney Bridge	12:45	13:45	16:15
27 th – 28 th March 2016	Devizes to Westminster Canoe Race	Teddington Lock to Westminster	n/a	04:00	22:00
27 th Mar 2016	The Universities' Boat Race	Putney Bridge to Chiswick Bridge	13:10	TBC	16:45

Big Ben International SUP Race

19th September 2015

Around 20 experienced Stand-up Paddleboarders will paddle from Putney down to Westminster Bridge on the starboard side of the river. They will use the steps at the London Eye as their egress. **All vessels are to proceed with caution, paying particular attention to their wash.**

Tidefest 2015

20th September 2015

Tidefest involves a range of river and shore based activities available for the public, to highlight the recreational importance of the Thames to Londoners.

Activities involve stand-up paddle boarding, kayak sessions, sailing competitions, angling competitions, historic boat trips and visits to Isleworth, Lots and Olivers Aits.

Pairs HRR

10th October 2015

The head will be raced between Chiswick and Hammersmith Bridges. This event involves a river closure please see the separate notice.

Fours HRR

7th November 2015

The head will be raced between Chiswick and Putney Bridges. This event involves a river closure please see the separate notice.

Veterans' Fours HRR

8th November 2015

The head will be raced between Chiswick and Putney Bridges. This event involves a river closure please see the separate notice.

Wingfield Sculls

12th November 2015

This will be a series of two races which will be held between Putney Bridge and Chiswick Bridge. Each race will comprise a number of single sculls rowing side-by-side. The race will be rowing in the navigation channel with the stream, and the river will remain fully open at all times.

Rowing crews competing in the races will navigate in strict accordance with the rowing code of practice, with the following exceptions:

- Having confirmed that the river is clear of oncoming traffic, crews will assemble in downstream end of the restricted zone downstream of Putney Bridge
- Where it is safe to do so crews may overtake through restricted zones
- Crews will follow the racing line where safely possible
- Each race will be followed by a number of motor launches.

Lord Mayor's Show Flotilla

14th November 2015

As part of the Lord Mayor's Show, a pageant of upwards of 20 traditional Thames cutters will commence from Westminster Boating Base at 08:30 and proceed downriver, taking the centre arch at Tower Bridge to arrive at HMS President 09:30. Vessels should be aware that cutters will manoeuvre for HMS President once through Tower Bridge.

Controlled navigation will be carried out by a Harbour Service Launch.

The Harbour Service vessel will show blue flashing lights when conducting controlled navigation and any vessels wishing to transit the area are to contact the Harbour Service using prefix "Thames Patrol" on Channel 14 prior to proceeding.

Further details on the river closure and progress of the display will be broadcast by **London VTS** on VHF Channel 14.

All craft are to navigate in the area with caution and are to follow all instructions from the Harbour Service Launch.

University of London Allom Cup**22nd November 2015**

This regatta will run between the upstream end of the University of London Boathouse and Mortlake Anglian and Alpha rowing club, and will be rowed within the navigation channel with the stream where safely possible.

United Hospitals Novice Regatta**28th November 2015**

The regatta will run between the upstream end of the University of London Boathouse and Mortlake Anglian and Alpha rowing club, and will be rowed within the navigation channel with the stream where safely possible.

Vesta Scullers HRR**5th December 2015**

The head will be raced between Chiswick and Putney Bridges. This event involves a river closure please see the separate notice.

Trial 8's Men and Women**10th and 11th December 2015**

The Trial 8's will be raced between Putney and Chiswick Bridges. Further details of this event will be issued in a separate notice nearer the date.

Remenham Challenge**19th December 2015**

The head will be raced from Chiswick Pier to London Rowing club, with crews marshalling downstream of Barnes Bridge on the Surrey Bank. It will be rowed in the navigation channel with the stream, and the river will remain fully open at all times.

Rowing crews competing in the head will navigate in accordance with the rowing code of practice, with the following exceptions

- Crews will follow the racing line where its is safe to do so
- In order to marshal for the race crews will not cross onto the Middlesex shore at the Chiswick Pier crossing point and will continue upstream on the Surrey shore to their allotted positions

Barking and Dagenham Canoe Club Event

10th January 2016

The event will be run between the Barking Creek tidal barrage and Wellbeck Wharf. There will be a number of safety vessels in attendance, maintaining a listening watch to London VTS.

Quintin Eights HRR

23rd January 2016

The head will be raced between Chiswick Bridge and Hammersmith Bridge. This event involves a river closure please see the separate notice.

United Hospital Winter Regatta

24th January 2016

The regatta will run between the upstream end of the University of London Boathouse and Mortlake Anglian and Alpha rowing club, and will be rowed within the navigation channel with the stream where safely possible.

Dewar Shield

7th February 2016

This head will be raced from Chiswick Bridge to Hammersmith Bridge, with crews racing on the Starboard side of the channel. There will be a number of safety vessels in attendance to support this event.

Greenwich HRR

14th February 2016

The head will be raced between Wapping Pier and PBDRRC clubhouse. The racing will be conducted on the Starboard side of the river at all times. Vessels navigating in the area are warned that a large number of rowing craft will be encountered before and after the start and finish times. **All vessels are to proceed with caution, paying particular attention to their wash.**

Boustead Cup

14th February 2016

This will be a series of 6 races which will be held between Putney Bridge and Mortlake. Each race will comprise of 2 vessels rowing side-by-side. The race will be rowed in the navigation channel with the stream, and the river will remain fully open at all times. The first race is planned to commence at approximately 11:30 with the subsequent races at 10 minute intervals.

Rowing crews competing in the races will navigate in strict accordance with the rowing code of practice, with the following exceptions:

- Having confirmed that the river is clear of oncoming traffic, crews will assemble in downstream end of the restricted zone downstream of Putney Bridge
- They will then proceed through the middle arch and halt to align at the University Boat Race start mark which is being used as the start marker
- Where it is safe to do so crews may overtake through restricted zones
- Crews will follow the racing line where safely possible
- Each race will be followed by a number of motor launches.

Hammersmith HRR

20th February 2016

The head will be raced between Chiswick Bridge and Hammersmith Bridge. This event involves a river closure please see the separate notice.

Women's HRR**5th March 2016**

The head will be raced between Chiswick and Putney Bridges. This event involves a river closure please see the separate notice.

United Hospitals Head Race**6th March 2016**

The races will be held between the Syon Pavilion and Chiswick Bridge, in the navigational channel in the direction of the tide. The river will remain open at all times. Competitors will follow U24 of 2009 at all times with the following exceptions:

- As and when it is safe to do so competitors may overtake in the restricted zones
- As and when it is safe to do so competitors may follow the racing line

Schools HRR**17th March 2016**

The head will be raced between Chiswick and Putney Bridges. This event involves a river closure please see the separate notice.

Head of the River Race**19th March 2016**

The head will be raced between Chiswick and Putney Bridges. This event involves a river closure please see the separate notice.

Vesta Veterans' HRR**20th March 2016**

The head will be raced between Chiswick and Putney Bridges. This event involves a river closure please see the separate notice.

Devizes to Westminster International Canoe Race

27th – 28th March 2016

The Devizes to Westminster International Canoe Race will be competed for by a mixture of kayaks and canoes over the Easter Bank Holiday weekend.

Competitors will start passing through Teddington Lock from around 04:20 on Sunday 27th March, and are expected to arrive at Westminster at approximately 12:20. There may also be a small number of paddlers arriving on the second tide who would depart Teddington from 16:40 and arrive at Westminster around 22:00.

In addition; competitors in the 4 day version of the race will be departing Ham from 05:30, arriving at Westminster at approximately 10:30 Monday 28th March.

River users should be aware that owing to the marathon nature of the race competitors arriving on the Tidal Thames will be fatigued and should be treated with due consideration. Larger vessels when passing the race competitors are requested to consider their wash.

The Universities' Boat Race

27th March 2016

This will be a series of two races between Putney and Chiswick Bridges. This event involves a river closure please see the separate notice.

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