

NOTICE TO MARINERS U4 of 2017

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REHEARSALS AND RIVER CLOSURES ANNUAL UNIVERSITIES BOAT RACE 27th MARCH – 2nd APRIL 2017

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On Sunday 2nd April 2017 the annual Boat Race will take place between Oxford and Cambridge Universities. In order to prepare for this event several activities will be taking place between Putney Pier and Chiswick Bridge from Monday 27th March until Sunday 2nd April 2017.

Week Commencing 27th March 2017

During the week leading up to and including the Boat Race, crews will be practicing on the course daily and there will also be a number of races and rehearsals.

Mooring buoys will be laid on the Surrey/Southern side of the river in the vicinity of Putney Barge roads and the Stag Brewery in the week leading up to the event.

All vessels navigating in the area between Putney and Mortlake from Monday 27th March are to exercise particular care and keep a listening watch on VHF Channel 14.

Specific events are as follows:

Rehearsals 31st March 2017

On Friday 31st March between Putney Bridge and Putney Pier, a trial will take place involving PLA vessels laying temporary moorings and placing the stakeboats. On completion the stakeboats will be removed but the ground works will remain on the riverbed. Local Traffic Control will be in place between Putney Pier and Hurlingham Yacht Club from 1330 until 1750 indicated by Harbour Service Launches exhibiting blue flashing lights and should be contacted on VHF Ch. 14, call sign prefix "THAMES PATROL".

River Closure

To facilitate safe rehearsals and races, the river will be closed to navigation as follows:

- 31st March 2017 – 14:40 until 17:50 – Putney Pier to Hammersmith Bridge

Only vessels with permission from the Harbour Master are allowed to enter the closure area indicated by Harbour Service Launches exhibiting blue flashing lights and should be contacted on VHF Ch. 14 with the prefix "THAMES PATROL".

Boat Race 2nd April 2017

River Closure

In order to facilitate a safe race day the river will be **closed to navigation as follows:**

- 2nd April 2017 – 14:30 until 18:30 - Wandsworth Bridge to Kew Railway Bridge

Only vessels with permission from the Harbour Master are allowed to enter the closure area indicated by Harbour Service Launches exhibiting blue flashing lights and should be contacted on VHF Ch. 14 with the pre fix "THAMES PATROL".

Moorings

All vessels within the area between Wandsworth and Kew Railway Bridges are to proceed to their appointed moorings or anchoring places before the river is closed to navigation at 14:30. All other craft not involved with the boat race must clear the area before 14:30.

Those on a mooring are to be mindful of the effect of wash from passing vessels.

Vessels inside the Closure Area

Each race will be followed by a flotilla of craft including Umpires, Supporters, Safety boats, Police and Port of London Authority craft as authorised by the Harbourmaster.

No other vessels may be underway on the closed section of the river, at any time during the closure period.

Whilst every effort will be made to minimise wash during the races, owners and masters of vessels attending the event or moored along the course, are advised that they should take suitable practical precautions against the effects of wash.

Once the river has opened vessels passing Putney Hard should pass with caution whilst equipment and passengers are disembarked.

Further details will be broadcast by London VTS on VHF Channel 14.

21st March 2017

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