

NOTICE TO MARINERS U6 of 2018

BARN ELMS REACH TO MORTLAKE REACH (UPPER) RIVER CLOSURES AND LOCAL TRAFFIC CONTROL THE BOAT RACE

On **Saturday 24th March 2018** the Boat Race will take place between Oxford University and Cambridge University. In support of this event activity will be taking place from Thursday 22nd March 2018 until Saturday 24th March 2018.

Practice Starts - Thursday 22nd March 2018

Local Traffic Control will be in place between Fulham Railway Bridge and Putney Pier from 0900 until 1800. This will be indicated by a Harbour Service Launch exhibiting blue flashing lights. The Harbour Service Launch will be listening on VHF Ch14 call sign prefix "THAMES PATROL".

The Boat Race Day - Saturday 24th March 2018

The river will be **closed to navigation** between Wandsworth Bridge and Kew Railway Bridge from 1300 until 1800. This closure will be indicated by a Harbour Service Launch exhibiting blue flashing lights. The Harbour Service Launch will be listening on VHF Ch14 call sign prefix "THAMES PATROL". Only vessels with permission from the Harbour Master are permitted to enter the closure.

All vessels within the area between Wandsworth Bridge and Kew Railway Bridge are to proceed to their appointed moorings or anchorages before the river is closed at 1300. All other craft must clear the area before that time. Those on a mooring are to be mindful of the effect of wash from passing vessels.

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 Harbour Master. No other vessels may be underway on the closed section of the river.

Once the river has been re-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 Ch14.

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London River House, Royal Pier Road,
Gravesend, Kent DA12 2BG

BOB BAKER
CHIEF HARBOUR MASTER



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