

NOTICE TO MARINERS No.U26 of 2011

ANNUAL EVENT CALENDAR ROWING/PADDLING AUTUMN/WINTER 11/12

The following events will be held on the river Thames generally between Teddington and Putney from October 1st to March 30th. This is not intended to be an exhaustive list of all events on the upper reaches of the tidal Thames, but does include all major events likely to have an effect on navigation.

Date	Event	Location	Race Start	Race Finish	Closure
08-Oct-11	Pairs Head	Chiswick Bridge to Hammersmith Bridge	14:30	16:15	YES
27-Oct-11	The Wingfield Sculls	Putney Bridge to Chiswick Bridge	12:00	14:00	NO
05-Nov-11	Fuller's Head of the River Fours	Chiswick Bridge to Putney Bridge	11:30	13:30	YES
06-Nov-11	Veteran Fours Head	Chiswick Bridge to Putney Bridge	12:30	14:30	YES
26-Nov-11	Novice Winter Regatta	Chiswick Bridge & Kew Railway Bridge	09:30	15:59	NO
03-Dec-11	Scullers Head	Chiswick Bridge to Putney Bridge	10:00	12:00	YES
04-Dec-11	The Allom Cup	Chiswick Bridge & Kew Railway Bridge	09:30	15:54	NO
21-Jan-11	The Remenham Challenge	Chiswick Pier to Putney Bridge	14:00	15:00	NO
22-Jan-12	United Hospitals Winter Regatta	Chiswick Bridge & Kew Railway Bridge	09:30	16:15	NO
28-Jan-12	Quintin Eights Head	Chiswick Bridge & Hammersmith Bridge	09:30	11:00	YES
18-Feb-12	The Boustead Cup	Chiswick Bridge to Putney Bridge	13:00	14:00	NO
18-Feb-12	UH Head Race	Syon Pavilion & Chiswick Bridge	12:00	17:00	NO
19-Feb-12	Hammersmith Womens' & Juniors' Head	Chiswick Bridge & Hammersmith Bridge	14:00	14:45	NO
03-Mar-12	Women's Eights Head	Chiswick Bridge to Putney Bridge	11:00	13:00	YES
04-Mar-12	Hammersmith Head	Chiswick Bridge & Hammersmith Bridge	13:00	13:45	NO
17-Mar-12	The Head of the River	Chiswick Bridge to Putney Bridge	11:00	13:00	YES
18-Mar-12	Vesta Veterans Head	Chiswick Bridge to Putney Bridge	tbd	tbd	YES
20-Mar-12	Schools Head	Chiswick Bridge to Putney Bridge	1400	1600	YES

Note: For closure events this notice is only supplementary and river users are advised to read the specific notices covering those events.

The Pairs Head – 8th October 2011

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

The Wingfield Sculls – 27th October 2011

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. Scullers for the first race will marshal in the vicinity of Putney Bridge from 12:00, with a second race starting at 13:00.

Rowing crews competing in the races will navigate in strict accordance with NTM U24 of 2009, 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.

Fullers Head of the River Fours – 5th November 2011

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

Veterans Fours Head of the River – 6th November 2011

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

Novice Winter Regatta – 26th November 2011

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.

Scullers Head – 3rd December 2011

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

The Allom Cup – 4th December 2011

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.

The Remenham Challenge 21st January 2012

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 NTM U24 of 2009, 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

Quintin Head 28th January 2012

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

Boustead Cup 18th February 2012

This will be a series of 3 races which will be held between Putney Bridge and Chiswick Bridge. 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 13:00 with the subsequent races at 10 minute intervals.

Rowing crews competing in the races will navigate in strict accordance with NTM U24 of 2009, 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.

United Hospitals Head Race 18th February 2012

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

Hammersmith Heads 19th February and 4th March 2012

The heads will be raced between Chiswick Bridge and Hammersmith Bridge, with crews marshalling upstream of Chiswick Bridge on both sides of the river. 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 heads will navigate in accordance with NTM U24 of 2009, with the following exceptions:

- The first 50 crews will marshal on the Middlesex side of the river, between Quintin Boat House and the University of London Boat House with the remainder marshalling on Surrey in the Inshore Zone
- Crews marshalling on Middlesex will be allowed to row through the Middlesex arch of Chiswick Bridge to their positions
- Where it is safe to do so crews may overtake through restricted zones
- Crews returning to Hammersmith boat clubs may cross after the Riverview buoy to the Middlesex side of the river (as close to the bank as is safely possible), but must ensure they do not obstruct any other river users

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

Vessels navigating in the area (particularly between Kew Rail and Chiswick Bridge) are warned that larger numbers of rowing craft than normal will be encountered. **All vessels are to proceed with caution, with special attention to their wash.**

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.

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