

NOTICE TO MARINERS No.U2 of 2012

HEAD OF THE RIVER RACES BETWEEN MORTLAKE AND PUTNEY RIVER CLOSURES SPRING 2012

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

Date	Race	Race Start	Time of Closure
Saturday 28th January 2012	Quintin Eights Head	0930	0830 to 1100
Saturday 3rd March 2012	Women's Eights HERR	1100	1000 to 1300
Saturday 17th March 2012	The Head of the River	1100	1000 to 1300
Sunday 18th March 2012	Vesta Veterans' HERR	1200	1100 to 1400
Tuesday 20 th March 2012	Schools' HERR	1415	1330 to 1545

(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.

Rowing craft not participating in the races must be clear of the closed areas before the closure starts.

Further details of each river closure are overleaf

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**Quintin Eights Head - Saturday 28th January 2012
0830 to 1100**

No vessel may pass upstream of the Mile Post after 0830 until the last competing crew has arrived at Putney.

No vessel may pass downstream of Kew Railway Bridge after 0845 until the last competing crew has left Chiswick.

Racing eights will be marshalled on both sides of the river between Kew Railway Bridge and below Chiswick Bridge from approximately 0845.

The race will start at 0930 in a position downstream from Chiswick Bridge.

The river will remain closed until the last competitor has completed at Hammersmith, expected to be at approximately 1100.

**Women's Eights Head - Saturday 3rd March 2012
1000 until 1300**

No vessel may pass upstream of Fulham Railway Bridge after 1000 until the last competing crew has arrived at Putney.

No vessel may pass downstream of Kew Railway Bridge after 1015 until the last competing crew has left Chiswick.

Racing eights will be marshalled on both sides of the river between Kew Railway Bridge and below Chiswick Bridge from approximately 1030.

The race will start at 1100 in a position downstream from Chiswick Bridge.

The river will remain closed until the last competitor has completed at Putney, expected to be at approximately 1300.

**The Head of the River - Saturday 17th March 2012
1000 to 1300**

No vessel may pass upstream of Fulham Railway Bridge after 1000 until the last competing crew has arrived at Putney.

No vessel may pass downstream of Kew Railway Bridge after 1015 until the last competing crew has left Chiswick.

Racing eights will be marshalled in the vicinity of Chiswick Bridge from approximately 1030.

The race will start at 1100 in a position downstream from Chiswick Bridge.

The river will remain closed until the last competitor has completed at Putney, expected to be at approximately 1300.

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Details of further closures are overleaf

**Vesta Veterans' Head - Sunday 18th March 2012
1100 to 1400**

No vessel may pass upstream of Fulham Railway Bridge after 1100 until the last competing crew has arrived at Putney.

No vessel may pass downstream of Kew Railway Bridge after 1115 until the last competing crew has left Chiswick.

Racing eights will be marshalled in the vicinity of Chiswick Bridge from approximately 1130.

The race will start at 1200 in a position downstream from Chiswick Bridge.

The river will remain closed until the last competitor has completed at Putney, expected to be at approximately 1400.

**Schools' Head – Tuesday 20th March 2012
1330 to 1545**

No vessel may pass upstream of Fulham Railway Bridge after 1230 until the last competing crew has arrived at Putney.

No vessel may pass downstream of Kew Railway Bridge after 1245 until the last competing crew has left Chiswick.

The racing boats will be marshalled in the vicinity of Chiswick Bridge from approximately 1345.

The race will start at 1415 from Chiswick Bridge.

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EXPIRY DATE: 21st March 2012
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Telephone calls, VHF radio traffic, CCTV and radar traffic images may be recorded in the VTS Centres at Gravesend and Woolwich.

