

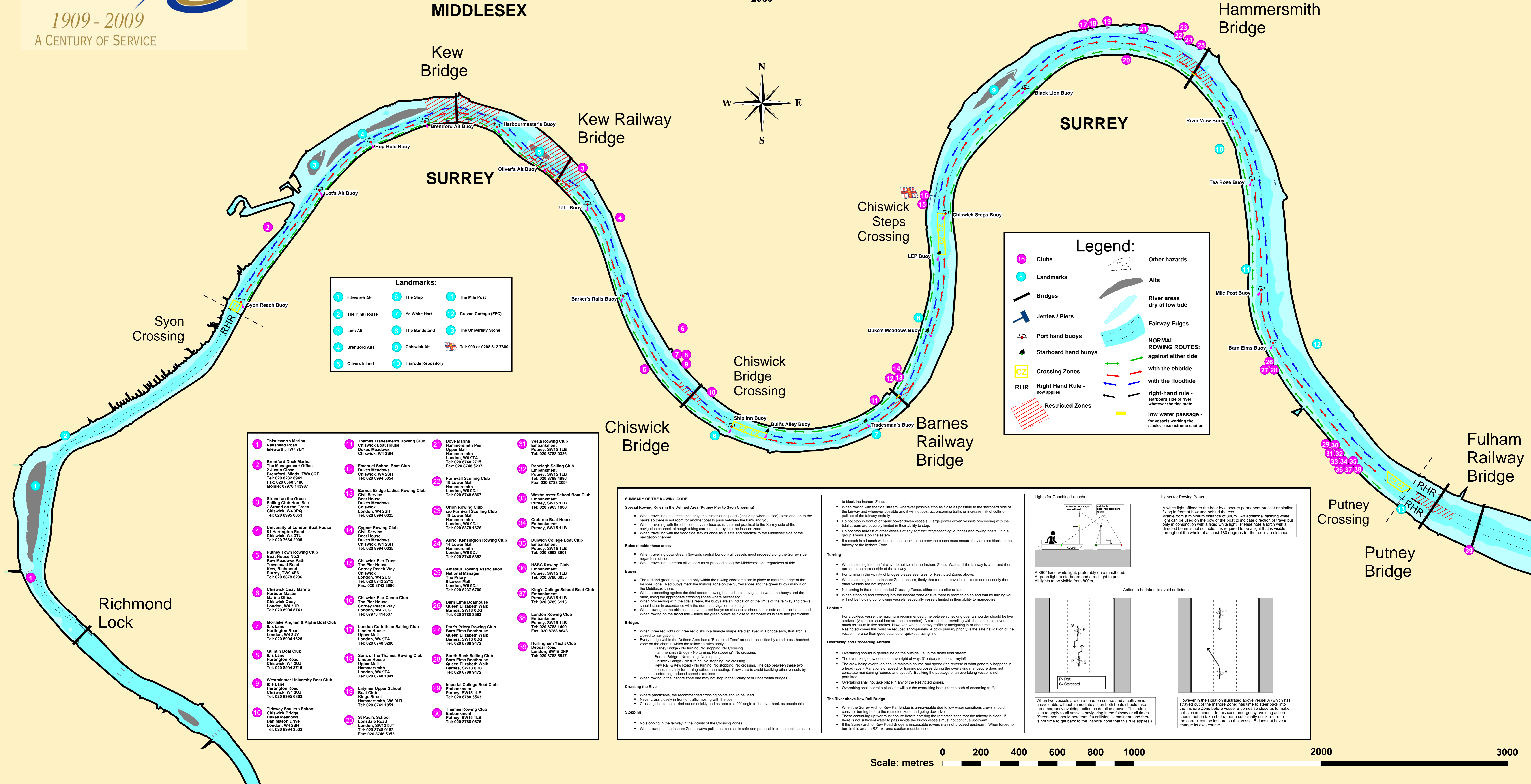
# ROWING ON THE TIDEWAY

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A chart to accompany the Code of Practice for Rowing on the Tidal Thames above Putney

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**Landmarks:**

1 Isleworth Ait	6 The Ship	11 The Mile Post
2 The Pink House	7 Ye White Hart	12 Craven Cottage (FFC)
3 Lots Ait	8 The Bandstand	13 The University Stone
4 Brentford Aits	9 Chiswick Ait	Tel: 999 or 0208 312 7380
5 Oliver's Island	10 Harrods Repository	

1 Thistleworth Marina Raislehead Road Isleworth, TW7 7BY	11 Thames Tradesmen's Rowing Club Chiswick Boat House Dukes Meadows Chiswick, W4 2SH	21 Dove Marina Hammersmith Pier Upper Mall Hammersmith London, W6 3TA Tel: 020 8748 2715 Fax: 020 8748 5237
2 Brentford Dock Marina The Management Office 2, Justin Close Brentford, Middx, TW8 6DE Tel: 020 8232 8941 Fax: 020 8500 5496 Mobile: 07970 143987	12 Emanuel School Boat Club Dukes Meadows Chiswick, W4 2SH Tel: 020 8994 5054	22 Furnival Sculling Club 19 Lower Mall Hammersmith London, W6 9DU Tel: 020 8748 6867
3 Strand on the Green Sailing Club Hon. Sec. 7 Strand on the Green Chiswick, W4 3PQ Tel: 020 8995 0853	13 Barnes Bridge Ladies Rowing Club Civil Service Boat House Dukes Meadows Chiswick, W4 2SH Tel: 020 8994 0025	23 Orion Rowing Club c/o Furnival Sculling Club 19 Lower Mall Hammersmith London, W6 9DU Tel: 020 8748 1876
4 University of London Boat House 81 Harrington Road Chiswick, W4 3JQ Tel: 020 7664 2005	14 Cygnet Rowing Club Civil Service Boat House Dukes Meadows Chiswick, W4 2SH Tel: 020 8994 0025	24 Aurial Kensington Rowing Club 14 Lower Mall Hammersmith London, W6 9DU Tel: 020 8748 5352
5 Putney Town Rowing Club Boat House No.2 New Meadows Path Townmead Road Kew, Richmond Surrey, TW9 4EN Tel: 020 8978 8236	15 Chiswick Pier Trust The Pier House Corney Reach Way Chiswick, W4 2UG Tel: 020 8742 2713 Fax: 020 8742 3096	25 Amateur Rowing Association National Manager The Priory 6 Lower Mall Hammersmith London, W6 9DU Tel: 020 8237 6700
6 Chiswick Quay Marina Harbour Master Marina Office The Pier House Corney Reach Way London, W4 3JR Tel: 020 8994 8743	16 Chiswick Pier Canoe Club The Pier House Corney Reach Way London, W4 3JR Tel: 020 8994 8743	26 Barn Elms Boat House Queen Elizabeth Walk Barnes, SW13 0DG Tel: 020 8788 3563
7 Mortlake Anglian & Alpha Boat Club Bis Lane Harrington Road London, W4 3JF Tel: 020 8994 1628	17 London Corinthian Sailing Club Linden House Upper Mall London, W6 9TA Tel: 020 8748 3280	27 Parr's Priory Rowing Club Barn Elms Boat House Queen Elizabeth Walk Barnes, SW13 0DG Tel: 020 8788 9472
8 Quintrin Boat Club Bis Lane Harrington Road London, W4 3JF Tel: 020 8994 3715	18 Sons of the Thames Rowing Club Linden House Upper Mall London, W6 9TA Tel: 020 8748 1841	28 South Bank Sailing Club Barn Elms Boat House Queen Elizabeth Walk Barnes, SW13 0DG Tel: 020 8788 9472
9 Westminster University Boat Club Bis Lane Harrington Road Chiswick, W4 3JF Tel: 020 8995 6863	19 Latymer Upper School Boat Club Kings Street Hammersmith, W6 9LR Tel: 020 8741 1851	29 Imperial College Boat Club Embarkment Putney, SW15 1LB Tel: 020 8788 3563
10 Tideway Scullers School Chiswick Bridge Dukes Meadows Dan Mason Drive London, W4 2SH Tel: 020 8748 9162 Fax: 020 8994 3592	20 St Paul's School Lonsdale Row London, SW13 9JT Tel: 020 8748 9162 Fax: 020 8746 5353	30 Thames Rowing Club Embarkment Putney, SW15 1LB Tel: 020 8788 0676
		31 Vesta Rowing Club Embarkment Putney, SW15 1LB Tel: 020 8788 0326
		32 Ranelagh Sailing Club Embarkment Putney, SW15 1LB Tel: 020 8788 4986 Fax: 020 8788 3094
		33 Westminster School Boat Club Embarkment Putney, SW15 1LB Tel: 020 7963 1000
		34 Crabtree Boat House Embarkment Putney, SW15 1LB Tel: 020 8788 6113
		35 Dulwich College Boat Club Embarkment Putney, SW15 1LB Tel: 020 8933 3601
		36 HSBG Rowing Club Embarkment Putney, SW15 1LB Tel: 020 8788 3055
		37 King's College School Boat Club Embarkment Putney, SW15 1LB Tel: 020 8788 6113
		38 London Rowing Club Embarkment Putney, SW15 1LB Tel: 020 8788 8643
		39 Hurlingham Yacht Club Deodar London, SW15 2NP Tel: 020 8788 5547

**SUMMARY OF THE ROWING CODE**

**Special Rowing Rules in the Defined Area (Putney Pier to Syon Crossing)**

- When travelling against the tide stay at all times and speeds (including when eased) close enough to the banks so there is not room for another boat to pass between the bank and you.
- When travelling with the ebb tide stay as close as is safe and practical to the Surrey side of the navigation channel, although taking care not to stray into the inshore zone.
- When travelling with the flood tide stay as close as is safe and practical to the Middlesex side of the navigation channel.

**Rules outside these areas**

- When travelling downstream (towards central London) all vessels must proceed along the Surrey side regardless of tide.
- When travelling upstream all vessels must proceed along the Middlesex side regardless of tide.

**Buoys**

- The red and green buoys found only within the rowing code area are in place to mark the edge of the inshore zone. Red buoys mark the inshore zone on the Surrey shore and the green buoys mark it on the Middlesex shore.
- When proceeding against the tidal stream, rowing boats should navigate between the buoys and the bank, using the appropriate crossing zones where necessary.
- When proceeding with the tidal stream, the buoys are an indication of the limits of the fairway and crews should steer in accordance with the normal navigation rules e.g.:
- When rowing on the ebb tide - leave the red buoys as close to starboard as is safe and practicable; and when rowing on the flood tide - leave the green buoys as close to starboard as is safe and practicable.

**Bridges**

- When three red lights or three red disks in a triangle shape are displayed in a bridge arch, that arch is closed to navigation.
- Every bridge within the Defined Area has a Restricted Zone around it identified by a red cross-hatched zone on the chart in which the following rules apply:
- Putney Bridge: No turning; No stopping; No Crossing.
- Hammersmith Bridge: No turning; No stopping; No Crossing.
- Chiswick Bridge: No turning; No stopping; No crossing.
- Howell & Kew Road: No turning; No stopping; No crossing. The gap between these two zones is mainly for turning rather than resting. Crews are to avoid baulking other vessels by performing reduced speed exercises.
- When rowing in the inshore zone one may not stop in the vicinity of or underneath bridges.

**Crossing the River**

- Where practicable, the recommended crossing points should be used.
- Never cross closely in front of traffic moving with the tide.
- Crossing should be carried out as quickly and as near to a 90° angle to the river bank as practicable.

**Stopping**

- No stopping in the fairway in the vicinity of the Crossing Zones.
- When rowing in the inshore zone always pull in as close as is safe and practicable to the bank so as not to block the Inshore Zone.

**Turning**

- When springing into the fairway, do not spin in the Inshore Zone. Wait until the fairway is clear and then turn onto the correct side of the fairway.
- For turning in the vicinity of bridges please see rules for Restricted Zones above.
- When springing into the Inshore Zone, ensure firstly that room to move into it exists and secondly that other vessels are not impeded.
- No turning in the recommended Crossing Zones, either turn earlier or later.
- When stopping and crossing into the inshore zone ensure there is room to do so and that by turning you will not be holding up following vessels, especially vessels limited in their ability to manoeuvre.

**Lookout**

- For a coxless vessel the maximum recommended time between checking over a shoulder should be five strokes. (Alternate shoulders are recommended). A coxless four travelling with the tide could cover as much as 100m in five strokes. However, when in heavy traffic or navigating in or about the Restricted Zones this must be reduced appropriately. A cox's primary priority is the safe navigation of the vessel, more so than good balance or quickest rowing time.

**Overtaking and Proceeding Aboard**

- Overtaking should in general be on the outside, i.e. in the faster tidal stream.
- The overtaking crew does not have right of way. (Contrary to popular myth)
- The crew being overtaken should maintain course and speed (the reverse of what generally happens in a head race). Variations of speed for turning purposes during the overtaking manoeuvre does not count.
- When stopping and crossing into the inshore zone ensure there is room to do so and that by turning you will not be holding up following vessels, especially vessels limited in their ability to manoeuvre.
- Overtaking shall not take place in any of the Restricted Zones.
- Overtaking shall not take place if it will put the overtaking boat into the path of oncoming traffic.

**The River above Kew Rail Bridge**

- When the Surrey Arch of Kew Rail Bridge is un-navigable due to low water conditions crews should consider turning before the restricted zone and gang downriver.
- Those continuing upstream must ensure before entering the restricted zone that the fairway is clear. If there is not sufficient water to pass inside the buoy vessels must not continue upstream.
- If the Surrey Arch of Kew Rail Bridge is impassable rowers may not proceed upstream. When forced to turn in this area, a R.C. extreme caution must be used.

