

River Thames – river restriction

Kingston Reach

Raven's Ait to the mouth of Hogsmill River

Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 July 2017 – 8:30am to 7pm

Kingston Amateur Regatta

Directions for navigation and general information during this event:

- The navigation channel shall be established on the Kingston, Surrey, left side of the river.
- Racing boats will be using a buoyed channel on the Hampton Court, Middlesex, right side of the river between Raven's Ait and the mouth of Hogsmill River.
- Regatta boards will mark the upstream and downstream extent of the course.
- Masters of all boats to maintain a safe speed and lookout between Raven's Ait and Kingston Railway Bridge.
- Rowing boats will be spinning between Kingston Road Bridge and Kingston Railway Bridge. All boats must maintain a good lookout and **dead slow speed** between the two bridges.
- Rowing boats will be navigating upstream through the Middlesex arch and downstream through the centre arch of Kingston Road Bridge. Therefore, it is requested that **if possible** other river traffic uses the Surrey arches of Kingston Road Bridge. The centre arch may be used by normal river traffic if it is required for depth and air draft reasons.
- No unauthorised mooring in the regatta channel on the Hampton Court, right side of the river.
- All boats must be navigated in accordance with any instructions given from Environment Agency control points or patrol launches.
- Those in charge of boats should be aware that they are responsible for avoiding collision and should use all available means appropriate to the circumstances and conditions to decide if there is a risk of immediate danger and avoid it.
- Bathing is not allowed in the river on the course during the hours of racing.
- Please be aware that the towpath from Raven's Ait to the mouth of the Hogsmill River will be very busy on the above dates. Small delays may occur whilst racing boats are carried to and from the river.

N.B. All directions as to river left and river right are given looking upstream.

Barry Russell MBE
Harbourmaster
26 June 2017

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Nothing contained in these directions shall supersede those parts of the Thames Navigation Licensing and General Byelaws 1993 as may be relevant.

And Notice is hereby given, that it is provided by Byelaw 52 of the Thames Navigation Licensing and General Byelaws, 1993 that:

The master of any vessel shall except in an emergency not pass any boat-race regatta public procession or gathering for the launch of a vessel or any other event or function which may cause a crowd to assemble on or by the river nor station his vessel thereon in such a manner as would risk obstructing impeding or interfering with such boat-race regatta procession launching event or function or endangering the safety of persons assembling on the river or preventing or interfering with the maintenance of order thereon.

The maximum penalty for breach of the Byelaws is £1,000

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