

River Thames – river restriction

Marlow Reach, Bisham Abbey to Higginson Park, 100 metres upstream of Marlow Bridge

Saturday 29 April 2023 – 8:00am to 6:00pm

Marlow Spring Regatta

Directions for navigation and general information during this event:

- The navigation channel will be on the Berkshire, left hand side of the river.
- Regatta vessels will use a buoyed channel in the centre of the river and a small channel on the Buckinghamshire, right hand side of the river to row to the start line. Regatta vessels will not use the navigation channel.
- Regatta boards will mark the upstream and downstream extent of the course.
- Masters of all boats should maintain a safe speed and lookout between Temple and Marlow Locks.
- 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. You 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.
- Mooring at Higginson Park will be suspended from 10pm on Friday 28 April to 7pm on Saturday 29 April 2023.

All directions as to the left and right hand side of the river are given looking upstream.



Mark Hill
Harbour Master
24 March 2023

Nothing contained in these directions shall supersede those parts of the Thames Navigation Licensing and General Byelaws 1993 and the UK Merchant Shipping (Distress Signals and Prevention of Collisions) Regulations 1996 as may be relevant. Particular attention should be paid to byelaws 24-42 of the Thames Navigation Licensing and General Byelaws 1993, Steering Sailing and Speed.

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.

Environment Agency, Kings Meadow House, Kings Meadow Road, Reading, Berkshire, RG1 8DQ.

The Thames Navigation Licensing and General Byelaws 1993 can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/river-thames-navigation-licensing-and-general-byelaws-1993>