

River Thames

Consent to place obstructions in the River Thames (the River) under Byelaw 59(b) of the Thames Navigation Licensing and General Byelaws 1993 (the Byelaws) and the Thames Conservancy Acts 1932 - 1972

Marlow Town Regatta – Saturday 15 June 2024, 7am to 7pm

We hereby give consent for floating regatta signs and yellow buoys to be placed in the river from Bisham Abbey to Higginson Park. You must comply with the following conditions:

- This consent must be read in the context of the River Thames guidance for event organisers' document which is applicable to all events held on the river.
- The regatta will take place in the buoyed channel from Bisham Abbey to Higginson Park in the centre of the river (the buoyed channel).
- The navigation channel for use by the public exercising their right of navigation along the river (the Navigation Channel) will be established on the Berkshire, left hand side of the river and **must be a minimum width of 30 metres through its length**. The Navigation Channel shall be marked with an adequate number, in the Environment Agency's opinion, of marker buoys and floating regatta signs at the upstream and downstream ends of the course to indicate the Navigation Channel to craft navigating in the fairway.
- Regatta traffic proceeding to the start must use the Buckinghamshire, right side of the river and must not use the navigation channel. This regatta channel will be separated from the racing course by a further line of buoys.
- Adequate safety measures, such as safety boats/kayaks and signage, will be put in place to ensure the safety of the competitors and public exercising their right of navigation.
- One launch only shall follow the races, to convey the umpire and the associated representatives.
- All buoys, signs and markers must be removed from the river immediately following the event.
- Competitors, officials and others, using the Navigation Channel, must observe the Byelaws, paying particular attention to byelaws 24 - 42, and must not obstruct the Navigation Channel. The Byelaws must be brought to the attention of all participants and officials prior to the event. You must take measures, such as employing a dedicated marshal, to ensure the Navigation Channel is not obstructed.

Note: All directions as to river right and river left are given looking upstream.

Signed:  Waterways Technical Officer

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