

River Thames – Restriction to navigation

Channel on the south side of D'Oyly Carte Island between Shepperton and Sunbury Locks

Saturday 4 September 2010

Weybridge Thames-side Festival

Directions for navigation and general information during this event:

- Those in charge of all boats must observe any directions given by Environment Agency officers.
- The channel to the south side of D'Oyly Carte Island will be closed to all boats navigating up and down stream.
- Boats navigating up and down stream should use the main navigation channel to the north of D'Oyly Carte Island.
- There will be a temporary restriction to the Environment Agency's 24 hour moorings at Weybridge - towpath opposite Shepperton Lock from 11.00 on Friday 3 September to 12.00 on Monday 6 September 2010.
- A number of waterborne activities will be taking place around D'Oyly Island and the Weybridge 24 hour moorings. Masters of all boats are advised to keep a proper lookout and navigate their boat at a safe speed and with due care and caution at all times to prevent unreasonable disturbance to those activities and moored boats in the area.
- 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. This may mean it is not possible to comply with the Thames Navigation Licensing and General Byelaws 1993.

Andrew Graham Harbourmaster 19 August 2010

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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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