

RIVER BYELAW 9

(Remains in force following the introduction of Thames Byelaws 2012
on 1 July 2012)

9. DRINK OR DRUGS

- (1) The master of a vessel shall not navigate the vessel when unfit by reason of drink or drugs to do so.
- (2) The master of a vessel shall not navigate, attempt to navigate or be in charge of a vessel after consuming so much alcohol that the proportion of it in his breath when tested in accordance with paragraph (5) below records a reading of 35 microgrammes of alcohol or more in 100 millilitres of breath.
- (3) If the harbourmaster has reasonable cause to suspect that the master of a vessel has drugs or alcohol in his body which may impair his fitness to navigate, he may direct the vessel to proceed to a designated berth or mooring or, if already on a berth or mooring, to remain in that position.
- (4) The harbourmaster may permit a vessel to proceed notwithstanding that the master is suspected of being unfit to navigate through drink or drugs, if the harbourmaster considers that satisfactory arrangements have been made to replace the said master and to ensure safe navigation.
- (5) A vessel directed under paragraph (3) above shall remain in the position designated until such time as either a substitute master is on board and takes command of the vessel or the master suspected of having alcohol in his body submits to a breath test on equipment provided by the harbourmaster and approved by the Secretary of State for the purpose of the Road Traffic Act 1988 and the said breath test indicates a reading of less than 35 microgrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath.
- (6) It is an offence for the master of a vessel to fail to comply with a direction made under paragraph (3) above.

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