

## **NOTICE TO MARINERS** M51 of 2019

### GREENWICH REACH TO CROSS DEEP

## **THE GREAT RIVER RACE**

*This notice is also published as U19 of 2019*

The Great River Race will take place on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2019 from 11:20 at Masthouse Terrace Pier until approximately 16:20 at Ham. Throughout the day there will be Local Traffic Control, pier closures and river closures in place.

#### **Race Start – Chalkstones Moorings to Masthouse Terrace Pier**

Competitors will be taking to the water from an assembled pontoon at Millwall Dock from 10:20 until the race start at 11:20. A large number of vessels will congregate at the start area which extends from Masthouse Terrace Pier to Chalkstones moorings.

Local Traffic Control will be in force at the start area from 10:20 until 11:35 by an attending Harbour Service Launch. All vessels navigating between Masthouse Terrace Pier and Chalkstones moorings at this time are to pay particular attention to this event and maintain a continuous watch on VHF Channel 14, following instructions from the attending Harbour Service Launch; call sign prefix 'THAMES PATROL'.

In order to facilitate a safe start Canary Wharf Pier will be closed to navigation from 11:25 until approximately 12:35.

#### **Central London**

Competitors accompanied by the attending Harbour Service Launches will be in the vicinity of Tower Bridge from 11:35 until approximately 13:20. Competitors have been instructed to remain on the Starboard side of the channel, to follow all instructions from safety boats and Harbour Service Launches, and to not overtake in bridge arches.

In order to improve competitor safety piers on the north side of the river will be closed to navigation for approximately 1 hour from the times indicated:

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| 1. St Katherine's Pier | 11:45 |
| 2. Tower Pier          | 11:50 |
| 3. Blackfriars Pier    | 12:00 |
| 4. Crown Pier          | 12:05 |
| 5. Temple Pier         | 12:10 |
| 6. Savoy Pier          | 12:15 |
| 7. Embankment Pier     | 12:20 |
| 8. Westminster Pier    | 12:25 |
| 9. Millbank Pier       | 12:30 |

Masters of vessels which are not involved in the event operating between Greenwich and Westminster Bridge are to navigate with due care and attention, following all instructions from the Harbour Service Launches on VHF Channel 14.

### **River Closure – Eel Pie Island to Glover Island**

Due to the large number of competitor vessels finishing at Ham Landing Stage the river will be closed to navigation from the lower end of Eel Pie Island to Glover Island from 13:50 until 17:20. This closure will be marked by two Harbour Service Launches with flashing blue lights. Only vessels officially approved by the Great River Race will be permitted into the closure area.

Further details will be broadcast by London VTS on VHF Channel 14.

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**23 July 2019**

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EXPIRY DATE: 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019  
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