

NOTICE TO MARINERS U3 of 2017

CROSS DEEP TO WOOLWICH REACH (UPPER)

TRADITIONAL ROWING EVENTS IN LONDON 2017

A number of traditional rowing events will be taking place between Greenwich and Teddington, from April until October, which are listed below:

Date	Race/Event	Timings	Location
Sunday 23 rd April	Tudor Pull	13:30 – 17:00	Teddington Lock to Tower of London
Saturday 6 th May	Royal Greenwich Challenge	11:30 – 14:00	Globe Racing Club to Greenwich Yacht Club
Monday 19 th June	Admiral of the Port's Challenge	17:00 – 19:00	Westminster Bridge to Westminster Boating Base
Monday 10 th July	All Party Parliamentary Rowing Group Boat Race	15:30 – 17:00	Lambeth Bridge to Westminster Bridge
Saturday 15 th July	Thames Historic Barge Driving Race	13:00 – 16:00	Greenwich Pier to Westminster Bridge
Wednesday 19 th July	Port of London Challenge	17:00 – 19:30	HQS Wellington to Chelsea Harbour Pier
Tuesday 25 th July	Doggett Coat and Badge Wager	11:15 – 12:30	London Bridge to Albert Bridge
Sunday 10 th September	Steve Faldo & Dave Pope Barge Races	13:00 – 16:00	Westminster Bridge to Tower Bridge
Saturday 21 st October	Thames Apprentice Barge Driving Race	11:00 – 13:30	Greenwich Pier to Westminster Bridge

Some of these events will require either local traffic control or river closures, and full details of each are given below.

Vessels should maintain a watch on VHF Channel 14 for any instructions from the attending Harbour Service Launches and should navigate at a safe speed paying particular attention to their wash.

Further information regarding each event will be broadcast by **London VTS** on **VHF Channel 14**.

Tudor Pull – Sunday 23rd April

Teddington Lock to Tower of London

A number of traditional rowing cutters; including the Queen's Row Barge GLORIANA will be rowed from Hampton Court Palace to the Tower of London. The vessels will be transiting Teddington Lock at approximately **13:30** and will be navigating downriver to the Tower of London on the starboard hand side of the channel, expecting to arrive at approximately **17:00**.

Cutters will disperse to both Tower Pier and St. Katherine's Pier on arrival at Tower Bridge. There will be a number of safety vessels accompanying this marathon row.

Throughout this event navigation will be subject to Local Traffic Control, when necessary, by an attending Harbour Service Launch, Call Sign prefix "**THAMES PATROL**" particularly in the Pool of London.

Royal Greenwich Challenge – Saturday 6th May

Globe Rowing Club to Greenwich Yacht Club

Race Start 12:00

A number of traditional rowing cutters will race in a time trial series from a start position abreast of Globe Rowing Club to Greenwich Yacht Club in Woolwich Reach (Upper).

Cutters are expected to muster on the south shore behind the Trafalgar Mooring Barges between the Trafalgar Tavern and the Trinity Hospital from 11:30. Vessels will be called to the start line in numbered order between 12:00 until 12:30. It is anticipated that all Cutters will have completed racing by 14:00. After completing the race, cutters will berth at Greenwich Yacht Club.

Throughout this event navigation will be subject to Local Traffic Control, when necessary, by an attending Harbour Service Launch, Call Sign prefix "**THAMES PATROL**" particularly in the start area.

Admiral of the Port's Challenge – Monday 19th June

Westminster Bridge to Westminster Boating Base

Race Start 18:00

A number of traditional rowing cutters will race from a start position just upriver of Westminster Bridge to Westminster Boating Base in Nine Elms Reach. The cutters are expected to arrive at the South Bank from 17:00 and will be afloat in the start area from 17:30. The race will be started at 18:00 and all cutters are expected to have completed racing by 19:00. After completing the race, the vessels will then berth at Westminster Boating Base.

Throughout this event navigation will be subject to Local Traffic Control, when necessary, by attending Harbour Service Launches, Call Sign prefix "**THAMES PATROL**" particularly in the start and finish areas.

All Party Parliamentary Rowing Group Boat Race – Monday 10th July

Lambeth Bridge to Westminster Bridge

Four rowing races, each with two boats racing side by side, will take place between a position off Millbank Pier and Westminster Bridge on Monday 10th July. Races will take place between 15:30 and 17:00.

Competitors will be launched and marshalled in the Vauxhall Bridge/Lambeth Bridge area prior to the start and on completion between 1500 and 1700.

Competitors will pass under the centre span/arch 3 of Lambeth Bridge then proceed to the Westminster shore into the Exclusion Zone with a finish line upstream of Westminster Bridge. The competitors will turn in the vicinity of arches 2 and 3 and then return upstream.

Throughout this event navigation will be subject to Local Traffic Control, when necessary, by an attending Harbour Service Launch, Call Sign prefix “**THAMES PATROL**”.

Thames Historic Barge Driving Race – Saturday 15th July

Greenwich to Westminster Bridge

Race Starts 13:30

Approximately twelve Thames Barges will be raced, under oars, from Greenwich to Westminster Bridge on Saturday 15th July. The race will start at Greenwich at 13:30 at three 5-minute intervals from a start line off Greenwich Pier, with the final rank released by 13:45.

The race is expected to finish at Westminster Bridge between 15:15 and 15:45. On completion, all competing barges will assemble upriver of Westminster Bridge before being towed back to Greenwich.

Throughout this event navigation will be subject to Local Traffic Control, when necessary, by attending Harbour Service Launches, Call Sign prefix “**THAMES PATROL**”.

Masters of vessels navigating throughout this area should be aware of the limited maneuverability of the barges and of the large number of support and following craft which will be on the river.

Spectator vessels are instructed to navigate in an anti-clockwise circulation pattern around the competitors and avoid navigating through the barges or maintaining a consistent speed alongside barges.

Port of London Challenge Trophy Race – Wednesday 19th July
HQS Wellington to Chelsea Harbour Pier

Race Start 18:00

A number of traditional rowing cutters will race from a start position off HQS Wellington to finish at Chelsea Harbour Pier. The cutters are expected to arrive at the South Bank from 17:00 and will be afloat in the start area from 17:30, with the race started at 18:00. It is anticipated that all boats will have completed racing by 18:50 and after completing the race, cutters will berth at Chelsea Harbour Pier.

Throughout this event navigation will be subject to Local Traffic Control, when necessary, by attending Harbour Service Launches, Call Sign prefix “**THAMES PATROL**”.

Doggett Coat and Badge Wager – Tuesday 25th July
London Bridge to Albert Bridge

Race Starts 11:30

The Doggett’s Coat and Badge Race will take place on Tuesday 25th July. It is expected that four to six single sculls will race from London Bridge to the finish line, in the vicinity of Cadogan Pier. The race will commence at 11:30 and is expected to conclude by approximately 12:00.

The race will be controlled by an Umpires’ launch and at least three safety RIBs. It is expected that three passenger vessels and a press launch will also follow the race.

The river will be Closed to Navigation between Tower Pier and Albert Bridge from 11:15 until completion of the race. The River Closure will be indicated by Harbour Service Launches, Call Sign prefix “Thames Patrol”, stationed above, midway along and below the course, displaying flashing blue lights.

Vessels will not be permitted to navigate downriver within the closure area for the duration of the race but, once the race is underway, the river will be progressively reopened to up river traffic behind the participating sculls and following boats, as directed by the attending Harbour Service Launch.

Steve Faldo and Dave Pope Barge Races – Sunday 10th September
Westminster Bridge to Tower Bridge

As part of the Thames Festival the Steve Faldo and David Pope Barge Races will involve a number of Thames barges being raced under oars on the river between Westminster Bridge and Tower Bridge.

11:30	Dave Pope Challenge, starting from Waterloo Bridge
12:15	Race finishes at Tower Bridge
14:30	Steve Faldo Memorial Race, starting downriver of Tower Bridge
16:00	Race finishes at Westminster Bridge

Throughout these events navigation will be subject to Local Traffic Control, when necessary, by attending Harbour Service Launches, Call Sign prefix “**THAMES PATROL**”.

There will be a number of safety boats in attendance and vessels transiting the area during this time should be aware of barges forming up and dispersing for this event.

Masters of vessels navigating throughout this area should be aware of the limited maneuverability of the barges and of the large number of support and following craft which will be on the river.

Thames Apprentice Barge Driving Race – Saturday 21st October
Greenwich to Westminster Bridge

Race Starts 11:00

Approximately four Thames Barges will be raced under oar from Greenwich Pier to Westminster Bridge with a number of support craft and the PRINCESS POCAHONTAS in attendance throughout. The race will start from the upriver end of Greenwich Pier at 11:00.

The race is expected to finish at Westminster Bridge between 12:45 and 13:15. On completion, all competing barges will assemble upriver of Westminster Bridge before being towed back to Greenwich.

Throughout these events navigation will be subject to Local Traffic Control, when necessary, by attending Harbour Service Launches, Call Sign prefix “**THAMES PATROL**”.

Masters of vessels navigating throughout this area should be aware of the limited maneuverability of the barges and other craft which will be on the river.

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