



Mortlake Reach to Wandsworth Reach - 2025/26 Head of the River Races

NOTICE TO MARINERS

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Mariners are advised that the river will be **closed to navigation** between Mortlake Reach and Wandsworth Reach for the 2025/26 Head of the River Races as follows:

Event	Date	Time of Closure	Location
Vesta Scullers Head of the River Race	Sunday 28th September 2025	0800 – 1200	Kew Rail Bridge to Fulham Rail Bridge
Pairs Head of the River Race	Saturday 4th October 2025	1330 – 1730	Kew Rail Bridge to Barn Elms Boathouse
Junior Fours Head of the River Race	Friday 14th November 2025	1030 – 1430	Kew Rail Bridge to Fulham Rail Bridge
Fours Head of the River Race	Saturday 15th November 2025	1115 – 1515	Kew Rail Bridge to Fulham Rail Bridge
Veteran Fours Head of the River Race	Sunday 16th November 2025	1200 – 1600	Kew Rail Bridge to Fulham Rail Bridge
Quintin Head of the River Race	Sunday 25th January 2026	0830 – 1230 (TBC)	Kew Rail Bridge to Barn Elms Boathouse

Telephone calls, VHF radio traffic, CCTV and radar traffic images may be recorded in the VTS Centre



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Event	Date	Time of Closure	Location
Hammersmith Head of the River Race	Saturday 28th February 2026	1230 - 1630	Kew Rail Bridge to Barn Elms Boathouse
School's Head of the River Race	Friday 13th March 2026	1130 - 1530	Kew Rail Bridge to Fulham Rail Bridge
Women's Head of the River Race	Saturday 14th March 2026	1115 - 1530	Kew Rail Bridge to Fulham Rail Bridge
Head of the River Race	Saturday 28th March 2026	1115 - 1530	Kew Rail Bridge to Fulham Rail Bridge
Vesta International Masters Head of the River Race	Sunday 29th March 2026	1300 - 1700	Kew Rail Bridge to Fulham Rail Bridge

(NB - re-opening times are approximate)

Mariners are also advised of the following Race that has no river closure and to exercise caution when navigating in the vicinity:

Event	Date	Time of Event	Location
Greenwich Head of the River Race	Sunday 8th February 2026	TBC	Wapping to Poplar, Blackwall & District Rowing Club

Vessels navigating in the area are advised that between 200 and 500 rowing vessels will be navigating before and after the closure times.

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Harbour Service launches exhibiting flashing blue lights will mark the limits of the closures and **no vessels** other than official safety vessels shall be underway on the courses whilst the races are in progress.

All vessels not participating in the races must be clear of the closed areas before the closure starts.

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

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