

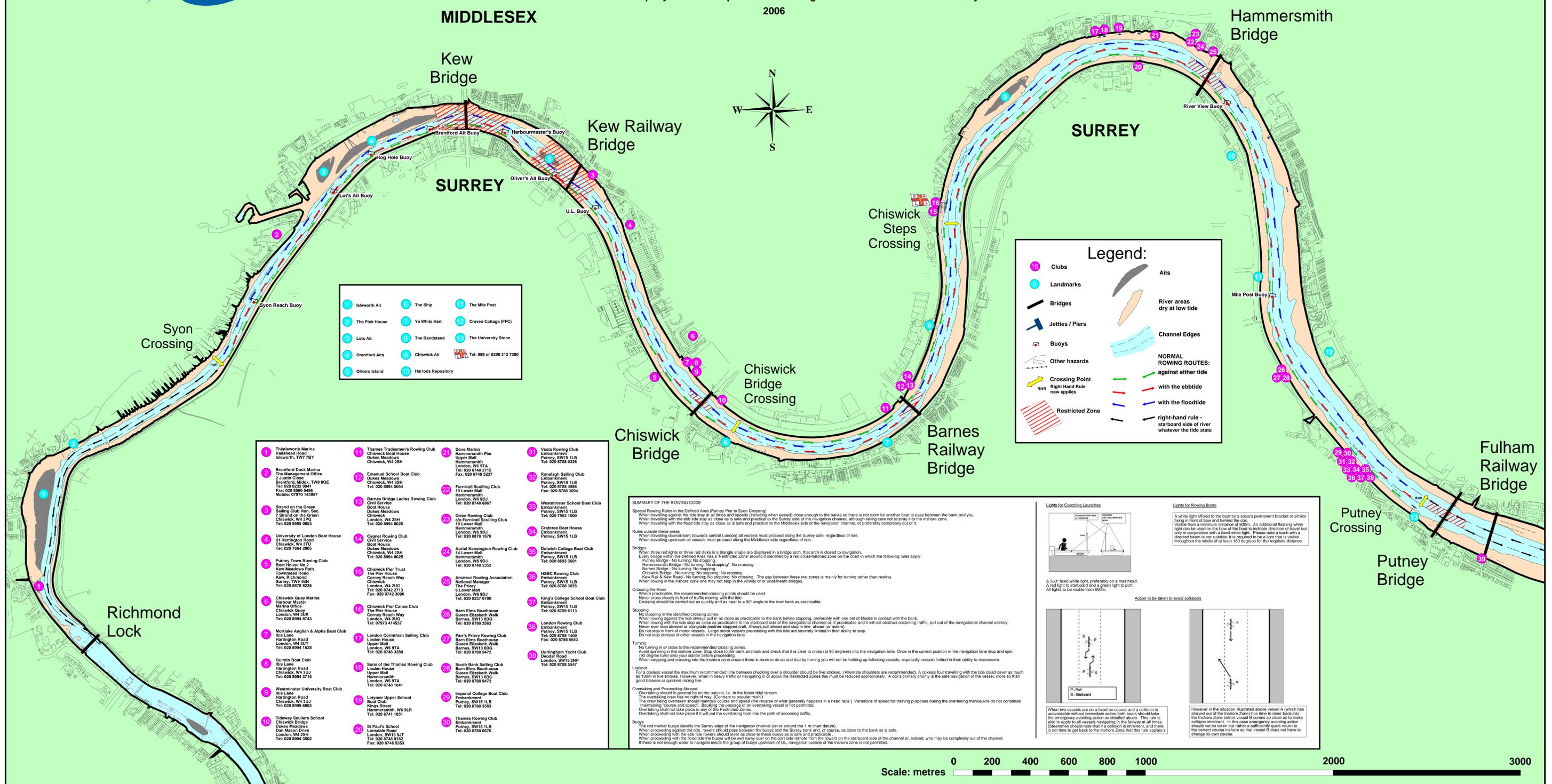
ROWING ON THE TIDEWAY

MIDDLESEX



A chart to accompany the code of practice for rowing on the tidal Thames above Putney

2006



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| 1. Isleworth Ait | 6. The Ship | 11. The Mile Post |
| 2. The Pink House | 7. Ye White Hart | 12. Craven Cottage (FFC) |
| 3. Lots Ait | 8. The Bandstand | 13. The University Stone |
| 4. Brentford Aits | 9. Chiswick Ait | |
| 5. Oliver's Island | 10. Harrods Repository | |
- Tel: 999 or 0208 312 7380

Legend:

- 16 Clubs
- 8 Landmarks
- Bridges
- Jetties / Piers
- Buoys
- Other hazards
- Crossing Point
- RHR Right Hand Rule now applies
- Restricted Zone
- Aits
- River areas dry at low tide
- Channel Edges
- NORMAL ROWING ROUTES:
 - against either tide
 - with the ebbtide
 - with the floodtide
 - right-hand rule - starboard side of river whatever the tide state

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| 1. Thistleworth Marina
Raishead Road
Isleworth, TW7 7BY | 11. Thames Tradesmen's Rowing Club
Chiswick Boat House
Dukes Meadows
Chiswick, W4 2SH | 21. Dove Marina
Hammersmith Pier
Upper Mall
Hammersmith
London, W8 7TA
Tel: 020 8748 2715
Fax: 020 8748 5237 |
| 2. Brentford Dock Marina
The Management Office
2 Justin Close
Brentford, Middle, TW8 8QE
Tel: 020 8232 8941
Fax: 020 8560 5486
Mobile: 07970 143987 | 12. Emanuel School Boat Club
2 Justin Close
Brentford, Middle, TW8 8QE
Tel: 020 8994 5054 | 22. Furnivall Sculling Club
19 Lower Mall
Hammersmith
London, W8 9DQ
Tel: 020 8748 6867 |
| 3. Strand on the Green
Sailing Club Hon. Sec.
7 Strand on the Green
Chiswick, W4 3PQ
Tel: 020 8995 0853 | 13. Barnes Bridge Ladies Rowing Club
Civil Service
Boat House
Dukes Meadows
Chiswick, W4 2SH
Tel: 020 8994 0023 | 23. Orion Rowing Club
c/o Furnivall Sculling Club
19 Lower Mall
Hammersmith
London, W8 9DQ
Tel: 020 8878 1676 |
| 4. University of London Boat House
81 Harrington Road
Chiswick, W4 3TU
Tel: 020 7664 2005 | 14. Cygnet Rowing Club
Civil Service
Boat House
Dukes Meadows
Chiswick, W4 2SH
Tel: 020 8994 0023 | 24. Aurial Kensington Rowing Club
14 Lower Mall
Hammersmith
London, W8 9DQ
Tel: 020 8748 5352 |
| 5. Putney Town Rowing Club
Boat House No. 2
Kew Meadows Path
Townsend Road
Kew, Richmond
Surrey, TW9 4EN
Tel: 020 8878 8236 | 15. Chiswick Pier Trust
The Pier House
Conroy Reach Way
Chiswick, W4 3JG
Tel: 020 8742 2713
Fax: 020 8742 3096 | 25. Amateur Rowing Association
National Manager
The Priory
6 Lower Mall
London, W8 9DQ
Tel: 020 8237 6700 |
| 6. Chiswick Quay Marina
Harbour Master
Marina Office
Chiswick Quay
London, W4 3UR
Tel: 020 8994 8743 | 16. Chiswick Pier Canoe Club
The Pier House
Conroy Reach Way
Chiswick, W4 3JG
Tel: 020 8748 4537 | 26. Barn Elms Boat House
Queen Elizabeth Walk
Barnes, SW13 0DQ
Tel: 020 8788 3563 |
| 7. Mortlake Anglian & Alpha Boat Club
81 Harrington Road
London, W4 3UJ
Tel: 020 8994 1628
Tel: 020 8748 3290 | 17. London Corinthian Sailing Club
Linden House
Upper Mall
Hammersmith
London, W6 9TA
Tel: 020 8748 1841 | 27. Park's Priory Rowing Club
Barn Elms Boat House
Queen Elizabeth Walk
Barnes, SW13 0DQ
Tel: 020 8788 9472 |
| 8. Quintin Boat Club
Ibsa Lane
Harrington Road
Chiswick, W4 3UJ
Tel: 020 8994 2715 | 18. Sons of the Thames Rowing Club
Linden House
Upper Mall
Hammersmith
London, W6 9TA
Tel: 020 8748 1841 | 28. South Bank Sailing Club
Barn Elms Boat House
Queen Elizabeth Walk
Barnes, SW13 0DQ
Tel: 020 8788 9472 |
| 9. Westminster University Boat Club
Ibsa Lane
Harrington Road
Chiswick, W4 3UJ
Tel: 020 8995 6863 | 19. Lakymer Upper School
Boat Club
Kings Street
Hammersmith, W6 9LR
Tel: 020 8741 1851 | 29. Imperial College Boat Club
Embarkment
Putney, SW15 1LB
Tel: 020 8788 3563 |
| 10. Tideway Scullers School
Dukes Meadows
Chiswick Bridge
London, W4 2SH
Tel: 020 8748 3562 | 20. St Paul's School
Lonsdale Road
London, SW15 8JT
Tel: 020 748 9162
Fax: 020 8746 3553 | 30. Thames Rowing Club
Embarkment
Putney, SW15 1LB
Tel: 020 8788 0676 |
| | | 31. Vista Rowing Club
Embarkment
Putney, SW15 1LB
Tel: 020 8788 0326 |
| | | 32. Ranelagh Sailing Club
Embarkment
Putney, SW15 1LB
Tel: 020 8788 4996
Fax: 020 8788 3094 |
| | | 33. Westminster School Boat Club
Embarkment
Putney, SW15 1LB
Tel: 020 7963 1000 |
| | | 34. Crabtree Boat House
Embarkment
Putney, SW15 1LB
Tel: 020 8693 3601 |
| | | 35. Dulwich College Boat Club
Embarkment
Putney, SW15 1LB
Tel: 020 8788 3055 |
| | | 36. HSBC Rowing Club
Embarkment
Putney, SW15 1LB
Tel: 020 8788 3055 |
| | | 37. King's College School Boat Club
Embarkment
Putney, SW15 1LB
Tel: 020 8789 6113 |
| | | 38. London Rowing Club
Embarkment
Putney, SW15 1LB
Tel: 020 8788 1400 |
| | | 39. Hurlingham Yacht Club
Deodar Road
London, SW15 5NP
Tel: 020 8788 5547 |

SUMMARY OF THE ROWING CODE

Special Rowing Rules in the Defined Area (Putney Pier to Syon Crossing)

When travelling against the tide stay at all times and speeds (including when eased) close enough to the banks so there is no room for another boat to pass between the bank and you. When travelling with the ebb tide stay as close as is safe and practical to the Surrey side of the navigation channel, although taking care not to stray into the inshore zone. When travelling with the flood tide stay as close as is safe and practical to the Middlesex side of the navigation channel, or preferably completely out of it.

Rules outside these areas

When travelling downstream (towards central London) all vessels must proceed along the Surrey side regardless of tide. When travelling upstream all vessels must proceed along the Middlesex side regardless of tide.

Bridges

When three red lights or three red disks in a triangle shape are displayed in a bridge arch, that arch is closed to navigation. Every bridge with the Defined Area has a 'Restricted Zone' around it identified by a red cross-hatched zone on the chart in which the following rules apply:

- Putney Bridge - No turning; No stopping.
- Hammersmith Bridge - No turning; No stopping; No crossing.
- Barnes Bridge - No turning; No stopping.
- Chiswick Bridge - No turning; No stopping. The gap between these two zones is mainly for turning rather than resting.
- Kew Rail & View Road - No turning; No stopping; No crossing.
- When rowing in the inshore zone one may not stop in the vicinity of or underneath bridges.

Crossing the River

Where practicable, the recommended crossing points should be used. Never cross closely in front of traffic moving with the tide. Crossing should be carried out as quickly and as near to a 90° angle to the river bank as practicable.

Stopping

No stopping in the identified crossing zones. When rowing against the tide always pull in as close as practicable to the bank before stopping, preferably with one set of blades in contact with the bank. Never ever stop abreast or alongside another stopped craft. Always pull ahead and sign in line ahead (or astern). Do not stop in front of motor vessels. Large motor vessels proceeding with the tide are severely limited in their ability to stop. Do not stop abreast of other vessels in the navigation lane.

Turning

No turning in or close to the recommended crossing zones. Avoid spinning in the inshore zone. Stop close to the bank and look and check that it is clear to cross (at 90 degrees) into the navigation lane. Once in the correct position in the navigation lane stop and spin (90 degree turn) onto your station before proceeding. When proceeding with the flood tide the buoy will be away over on the port side remote from the towers on the starboard side of the channel or, indeed, who may be completely out of the channel. When proceeding with the flood tide the buoy will be away over on the port side remote from the towers on the starboard side of the channel or, indeed, who may be completely out of the channel.

Lookout

For a coxless vessel the maximum recommended time checking over a shoulder should be five strokes. (Alternate shoulders are recommended.) A coxless four travelling with the tide could cover as much as 100m in five strokes. However, when in heavy traffic or navigating in or about the Restricted Zones this must be reduced proportionately. A cox's primary priority is the safe navigation of the vessel, more so than good balance or quickest racing line.

Overtaking and Proceeding Abreast

Overtaking should in general be on the outside, i.e. in the faster tidal stream. The overtaking crew has no right of way. (Contrary to popular myth!) The crew being overtaken should maintain course and speed the reverse of what generally happens in a head race.) Variations of speed for training purposes during the overtaking manoeuvre do not constitute 'maintaining' course and speed'. Baulking the passage of an overtaking vessel is not permitted. Overtaking shall not take place in any of the Restricted Zones. Overtaking shall not take place if it will put the overtaking boat into the path of oncoming traffic.

Buoys

The red marker buoys identify the Surrey edge of the navigation channel (on or around the 1 m chart datum). The white marker buoys identify the Middlesex edge of the navigation channel, and, of course, as close to the bank as is safe. The red and white buoys are to be used to identify the edge of the navigation channel, and, of course, as close to the bank as is safe. The red and white buoys are to be used to identify the edge of the navigation channel, and, of course, as close to the bank as is safe. The red and white buoys are to be used to identify the edge of the navigation channel, and, of course, as close to the bank as is safe.

Lights for Coaching Launches

A 360° fixed white light, preferably on a masthead. A red light to starboard and a green light to port. All lights to be visible from 800m.

Lights for Rowing Boats

A white light affixed to the boat by a secure permanent bracket or similar fixing in front of bow and behind the cox. Visible from a minimum distance of 600m. An additional flashing white light can be used on the bow of the boat to indicate direction of travel but only in conjunction with a fixed white light. Please note a torch with a directed beam is not suitable. It is required to be a light that is visible throughout the whole of at least 180 degrees for the requisite distance.

Action to be taken to avoid collisions

When two vessels are on a head on course and a collision is unavoidable without immediate action both boats should take the emergency avoiding action as detailed above. This rule is also to apply to all vessels navigating in the fairway at all times. (Steersmen should note that if a collision is imminent, and there is not time to get back to the inshore zone that this rule applies.)

However in the situation illustrated above vessel A (which has strayed out of the Inshore Zone) has time to steer back into the Inshore Zone before vessel B comes so close as to make collision imminent. In this case emergency avoiding action should not be taken but rather a sufficiently quick return to the correct course (inshore) so that vessel B does not have to change its own course.

