

ROWING ON THE TIDEWAY

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

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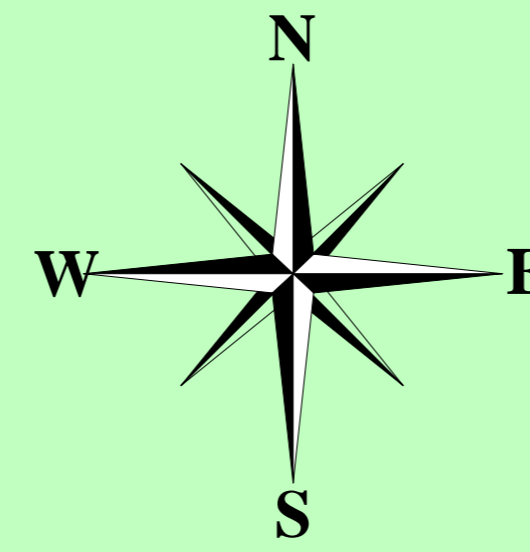
Kew Bridge

Kew Railway Bridge

Hammersmith Bridge

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Chiswick Steps Crossing

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Barnes Railway Bridge

Chiswick Bridge

Fulham Railway Bridge

Putney Crossing

Putney Bridge

Richmond Lock

Landmarks:		
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 Olivers Island	10 Harrods Repository	

Legend:

- Clubs
- Landmarks
- Bridges
- Jetties / Piers
- Buoys
- Other hazards
- Crossing Point
- 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

1 Thistleworth Marina Railhead Road Isleworth, TW7 8BY	11 Thames Tradesmen's Rowing Club Chiswick Boat House Dukes Meadows Chiswick, W4 2SH	21 Dove Marina Hammersmith Pier Upper Mall Hammersmith London, W6 3TA Tel: 020 8748 2715 Fax: 020 8748 5237	31 Vesta Rowing Club Embankment Putney, SW15 1LB Tel: 020 8788 0326
2 Brentford Dock Marina The Management Office 2 Justin Close Brentford, Middx, TW8 8QE Tel: 020 8232 8941 Fax: 020 8500 5486 Mobile: 07970 143887	12 Emanuel School Boat Club Dukes Meadows Chiswick, W4 2SH Tel: 020 8994 5054	22 Furnivall Sculling Club 19 Lower Mall Hammersmith London, W6 9DJ Tel: 020 8748 6867	32 Ranelagh Sailing Club Embankment Putney, SW15 1LB Tel: 020 8788 4986 Fax: 020 8788 3094
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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 0025	24 Anriol Kenington Rowing Club 14 Lower Mall Hammersmith London, W6 9DJ Tel: 020 8748 5352	34 Crabtree Boat House Embankment Putney, SW15 1LB Tel: 020 8693 3601
5 Putney Town Rowing Club Boat House No. 2 Kew Meadows Path Townmead Road Kew, Richmond Surrey, TW9 4EN Tel: 020 8978 8236	15 Chiswick Pier Trust The Pier House Corney Reach Way Chiswick, W4 2UG Tel: 020 8742 2713 Fax: 020 8742 3096	25 Amateur Rowing Association National Manager The Priory 6 Lower Mall London, W6 9DJ Tel: 020 8237 6700	35 Dulwich College Boat Club Embankment Putney, SW15 1LB Tel: 020 8788 3055
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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 not 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 Middlesex side regardless of tide.

When travelling upstream all vessels must proceed along the Surrey 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 within 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.

Chiswick Bridge - No turning. No stopping. No crossing.

Kew Rail & Kew Road - No turning. No stopping. No crossing. The gap between these two zones is mainly for turning rather than resting.

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.

When rowing with the tide stop as close as practicable to the starboard side of the navigational channel or, if practicable and it will not obstruct oncoming traffic, pull out of the navigational channel entirely.

Never ever stop abreast or alongside another stopped craft. Always pull ahead and stop 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.

Never ever stop abreast or alongside another stopped craft. Always pull ahead and stop in line ahead (or astern).

When stopping and crossing into the inshore zone ensure there is room to do so and that by turning you will not be holding up following vessels, especially vessels limited in their ability to manoeuvre.

Lookout:

For a coxless vessel the maximum recommended time between 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 appropriately. A cox's primary priority is the safe navigation of the vessel, more so than good balance or quickest rising 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).

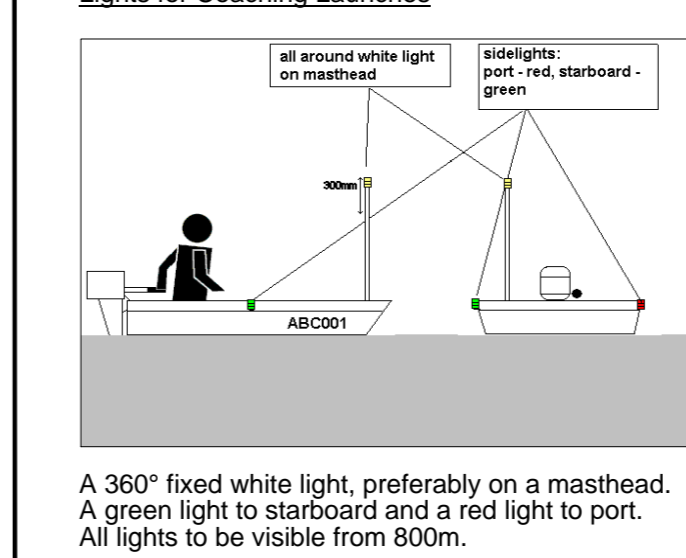
When proceeding against the tide rowers should pass between the buoys and the Surrey bank and, of course, as close to the bank as is safe.

When proceeding with the ebb tide rowers should steer as close to these buoys as is safe and practicable.

When proceeding with the flood tide the buoys will be well away over on the port side remote from the rowers on the starboard side of the channel or, indeed, who may be completely out of the channel.

If there is not enough water to navigate inside the group of buoys upstream of U.L., navigation outside of the inshore zone is not permitted.

Lights for Coaching Launches

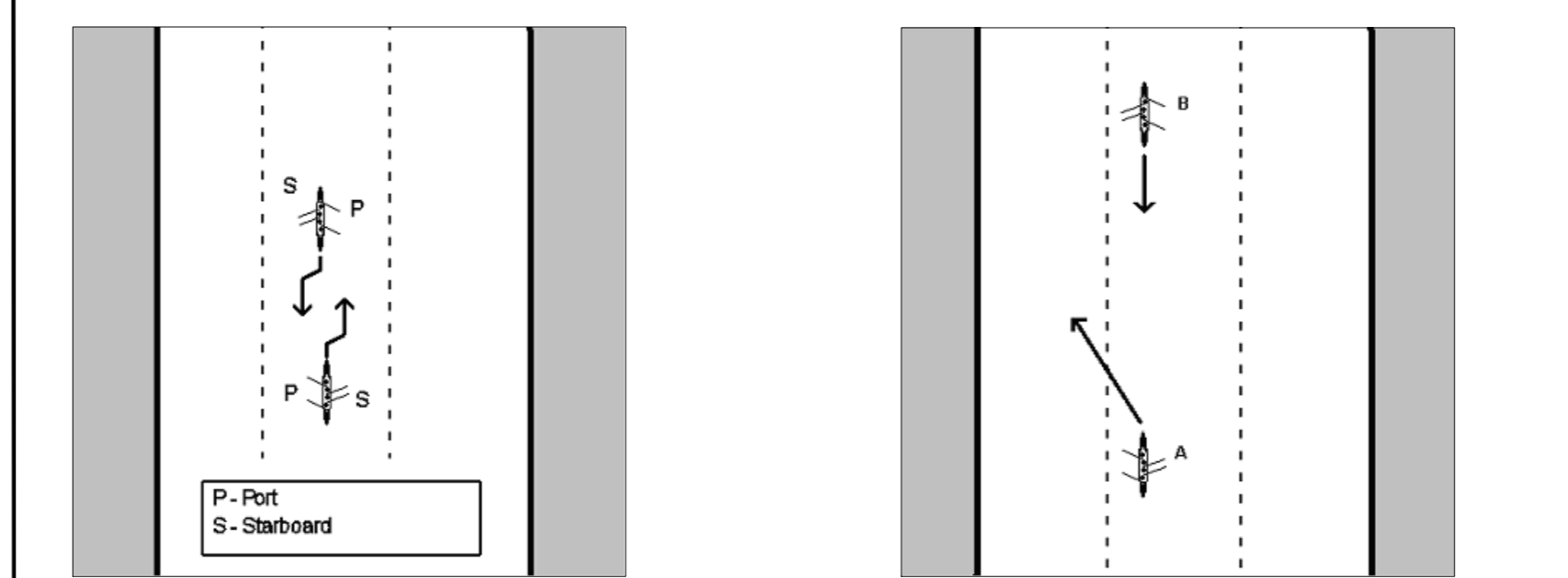


A 360° fixed white light, preferably on a masthead. A green light to starboard and a red light to port. All lights to be visible from 800m.

Lights for Rowing Boats

A white light affixed to the boat by a secure permanent bracket or similar long in front of bow and behind the cox. Visible from a minimum distance of 800m. 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 tideway 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.

