





BRITISH BASIC PRINCIPLES OF TIDEWAY NAVIGATION BEEN BRITISH BASIC PRINCIPLES OF TIDEWAY NAVIGATION



CHELSEA

BRIDGE

A chart to accompany The Tideway Code: A Code of Practice for rowing and paddling on the Tidal Thames >

Upper Tideway Code Area (Special navigation rules)

With the tidal stream:

- Outbound on the EBB stay in the Fairway on the Starboard (right-hand/bow) side
- Inbound on the FLOOD stay in the Fairway on the Starboard (right-hand/bow) side
- In the Fairway, do not stop in a *Crossing Zone*. Only boats waiting to cross the Fairway should stop near a crossing

CORPORATIO ISLAND

MARBLE HILL

TEDDINGTON

LOCK & WEIR

MIDDLESEX

LANDS

Against either tidal stream (working the slacks):

- —— Use the Inshore Zone staying as close to the bank as is safe and inside any navigation buoys
- Only cross the river at the designated **Crossing Zones**
- Or at a Local Crossing if you are returning to a boat house on the opposite bank to the Inshore Zone

HAMMERSMITH KEW 'STONE' MIDDLESEX MIDDLESEX BRIDGE **BRIDGE** St NICHOLAS O RIVERSIDE **KEW 'RAIL' BRIDGE** HARRODS (CHISWICK PIER PIER hiswick Steps MILE POST O Barges² **SURREY** BANDSTAND **BARN** COTTAGE **GARDENS MEADOWS** ELMS BISHOP'S Syon Crossing **CHISWICK** BARNES BRIDGE BRIDGE "THE LONDON APPRENTICE" MP CRB TRO PUTNEY O SURREY Putney Cross ISLEWORTI **PUTNEY** BRIDGE RICHMOND LOCK & WEIR TWICKENHAM RAIL BRIDGE Always navigate according to the visible tidal stream, not the tide predictions. If in doubt about the tidal stream direction navigate **TWICKENHAM BRIDGE** RICHMOND BRIDGE

SURREY

TEDDINGTON TO WANDSWORTH BRIDGE

Col Regs

Coaching launches may only exceed

8 knots if accompanying a crew

Regardless of the tidal stream:

➤ Outbound or <Inbound stay as close to

the Starboard (right-hand/bow side) bank as

is safe and out of the Fairway where possible

on the Starboard side of the Fairway (e.g. at the turn of the tide)

Col Regs (Starboard navigation rule)

Regardless of the tidal stream:

→ Outbound or **←** Inbound stay as close to the Starboard (right-hand/bow side) bank as is safe and out of the Fairway where possible. Go inside/under piers where water levels allow and it is safe to do so

All small boats must inform London VTS if they are afloat below Wandsworth Bridge after dark

All small boats are advised to inform London VTS before navigating below Wandsworth Bridge during daylight hours

→ All rowing outings below Wandsworth Bridge must be pre-approved by the club Safety Advisor and rowers *must* avoid outings below Fulham Railway Bridge 3 hrs before and 2 hrs after high tide due to barge traffic movements tidepredictions.pla.co.uk/



FULHAM RAILWAY BRIDGE

WANDSWORTH BRIDGE WANDSWORTH **SMUGGLERS WAY** WASTE TRANSFER STATION

All small boats must inform **London VTS before navigating** below Chelsea Bridge

KEY

CADOGAN

BRIDGE

BATTERSEA

BATTERSEA

RAIL BRIDGE

ROAD BRIDGE

Cremone Wharf

CHELSEA

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- Port navigation buoy
- Starboard navigation buoy
- Passenger vessel stop
- Commercial freight berth
- Vessels entering the river
- Thames Tunnel site
- Draw dock
- Sailing Club
- Lifeboat station
- Closed arch
- **Exclusion zone**

Everywhere along the tidal Thames always

KEEP A GOOD LOOKOUT

by sight and by sound, in front and behind

Large motor vessels have Right of Way over small boats which should always allow them space in the Fairway/ deep water channel

All boats in the Fairway have Right of Way and overtaking boats must give way or wait until it is clear

Never cross in front of a boat in the Fairway, even in a **Crossing Zone**

Do not stop, turn, cross, overtake or do slow-moving exercises within 75m of any bridges

Do not spread out across the channel

PRINCIPAL BOATHOUSES: Rowing/Paddling (not all clubs are listed)

- **Thames Young Mariners**
- Twickenham/EPIC SUP
- 2 Richmond Canoe Club
- **RBC** Richmond Boat Club
- 3 EDGE Canoe Club/Active360 SUP Chelsea Kayak Club
- University of London (incl. colleges) **Outrigers & Dragon boats**
- PTR Putney Town
- MAA Mortlake Anglian & Alpha
- **QBC WMN** Quintin/Westminster Uni.
- Tideway Scullers School
- Thames Tradesmen

EMA Emanuel School

- BBLCYG BBLRC/Cygnet/Civil Service Canoe club
- 4 Chiswick Pier Canoe Club
- Sons of the Thames

- Latymer Upper School

FSC Furnivall

- **AKN** Auriol Kensington
- Fulham Reach/Blades Canoe Club
- BAE PAR Barn Elms/Parrs Priory Putney Bridge/Battersea Canoe
- Imperial College
- TRC HSB Thames/HSBC
- VRC Vesta
- **WES Westminster School**
- **CRB** Crabtree
- **Dulwich College**
- KCS Kings College School
- **Lec** London
- **(5)** Kayaking London/EPIC CIC

EMERGENCIES

Always carry a mobile phone (in a buoyant water-proof case) for emergency use If life-threatening, immediately call 999 or 112 and ask for the Coastguard who will send the appropriate assistance. Be prepared to give your name, location and the nature of the emergency

INCIDENTS

For non-emergencies and near misses call **London VTS** on **0203 2607711** or **VHF ch14** or use the smart phone app >



FURTHER INFORMATION

All rowers and paddlers navigating on the tidal Thames *must* be fully conversant with **The Tideway Code**. Also see:

- www.boatingonthethames.co.uk
- PLA Tidal Thames smartphone app
- Recreational Users' Guide leaflet
- Do not scale This diagram is for general guidance only and not intended to be definitive Some 'Local Names' have been used Please refer to The Tideway Code (First Edition 2019) and Admiralty Chart 3319 for detailed information Original illustration by neilpickford@mac.com for the Port of London Authority www.pla.co.uk PLA & Neil Pickford @2019