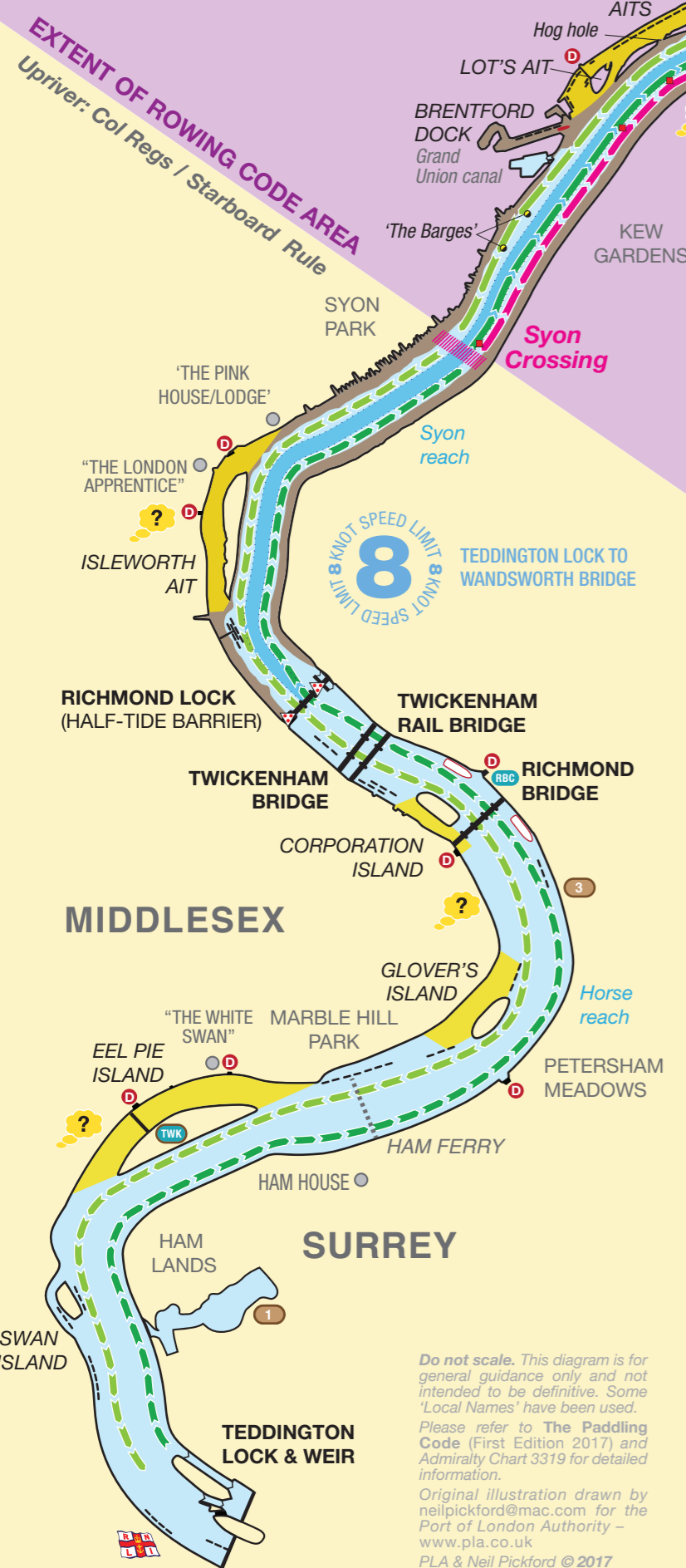


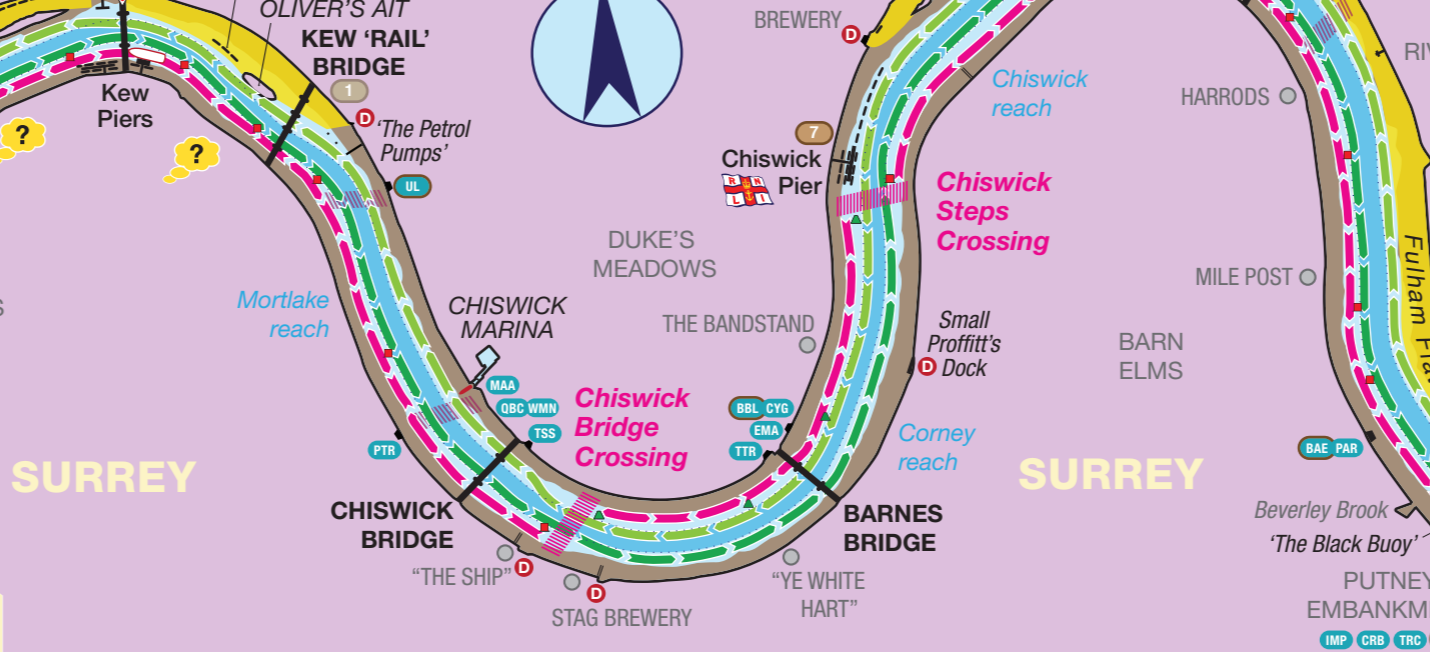
BASIC PRINCIPLES OF TIDEWAY NAVIGATION UPPER

To accompany "Paddling on the Tideway – A Code of Practice for Paddling on the Tidal Thames" (Edition 1 2017)

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All solo paddlers and group leaders must be fully conversant with the Paddling Code before navigating on the Tideway. The steers is Master of the Vessel and is legally responsible for the navigation, safety and behaviour of their boat / group. Always carry out a thorough Risk Assessment before going afloat – see the Paddling Code for further details

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In the UPPER ROWING CODE AREA between Syon Crossing & Putney Pier

When paddling *against the stream* (working the slacks) you must stay in the **Inshore Zone**, as close to the bank as is safe and inside navigation buoys

When paddling *with the stream*, you must stay as far to the **Starboard** side/bank as is safe. If there is an **Inshore Zone** on the starboard bank then paddle to the **Starboard** edge of the **Fairway**

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 from the **Inshore Zone**

In the **Fairway**, do not stop in a **Crossing Zone**. Only boats in the **Inshore Zone** waiting for the **Fairway** to clear should stop near a crossing

All boats in the **Fairway** have Right of Way. Always give way to large motor vessels and give them space to use the **Fairway** / deep water

Overtaking boats do not have Right of Way but paddled boats are slow so do not impede faster boats (including rowing boats) approaching from behind that want to overtake. Do not spread-out across the channel, especially in the busy, narrow **Inshore Zones**

Don't navigate according to the predicted tide, use the visible stream direction and check this against buoys, bridges or moorings. If in doubt, especially when the tide is turning, keep to **Starboard**

Outside of the UPPER ROWING CODE AREA Col Regs / starboard side rule applies

When paddling *in either direction*, and regardless of the stream direction, you should stay as close to the **Starboard** / right-hand bank as is safe

As far as possible, don't stop, turn, cross or overtake in the **Fairway** within 75m of any bridges

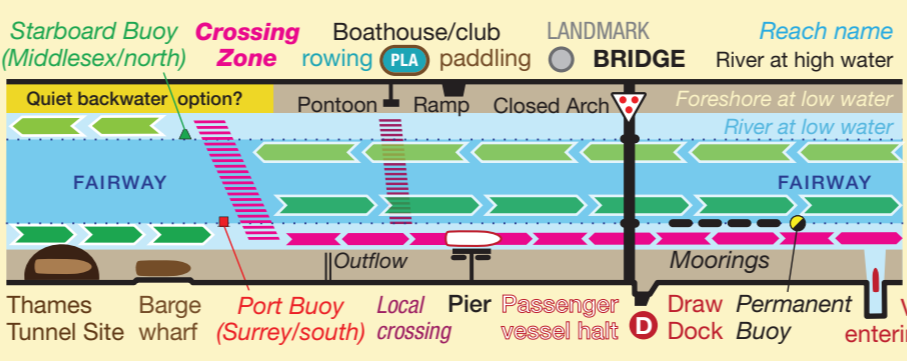
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All boats in the **Fairway** have Right of Way and overtaking boats must give way. Never cross in front of a boat in the **Fairway**

KEEP A GOOD LOOKOUT

Including behind you and always assume that others cannot see you – if in doubt, stop and shout

Dynamic Risk Assessment ?
Starboard line when inbound (Col Regs)
Col Regs – starboard rule applies regardless of stream direction
Starboard line when outbound (Col Regs)



LEGEND

Line when **inbound on the FLOOD** tide
Line when **outbound on the EBB** tide
Inshore Zone against either tidal stream

SUP RESTRICTIONS

- Above Putney Bridge:**
- Only paddlers with a minimum of TSK L1 may paddle at night
- Between Putney and Chelsea Bridges:**
- At least one person must carry a VHF radio (channel 14)
 - Do not paddle 3 hours before and 2 hours after high water at London Bridge, due to large freight vessels movements
 - Unless they hold a TSK L1, SUPs with some experience (i.e. have paddled on the tidal Thames on at least 3 previous occasions) must have leaders with a TSK L2 at a ratio of 1:4
 - Solo paddlers must have a TSK L2
 - At night, paddlers must hold a minimum of TSK L1 and paddle as a group of at least 3 boats. No solo padding at night

PRINCIPLE BOATHOUSES Rowing / Paddling (not all clubs are listed)

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| 1 Thames Young Mariners | SON Sons of the Thames |
| TWK Twickenham / EPIC SUP | LTU Latymer Upper School |
| 3 Richmond Canoe Club | SPS St. Paul's School |
| RBC Richmond Boat Club | FUL Fulham |
| 4 EDGE Canoe Club / Active360 SUP / Chelsea Kayak Club | AKN Auriol Kensington |
| UL University of London (incl. colleges) | FSC Fulham Reach |
| / Outriggers & Dragon boats | BAE PAR Barn Elms / Parris Prior |
| PTR Putney Town | / Putney Bridge / Battersea Canoe |
| MAA Mortlake Anglian & Alpha | IMP Imperial College |
| QBC WMN Quintin / Westminster Uni. | TRC HSB Thames / HSBC |
| TSS Tideway Scullers School | VRC Vesta |
| TTR Thames Tradesmen | WES Westminster School |
| EMA Emanuel School | CRB Crabtree |
| BBL CYG BBLRC / Cygnet | DUL Dulwich College |
| / Civil Service Canoe club | KCS Kings College School |
| 7 Chiswick Pier Canoe Club | LRC London |

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