

NOTICE TO MARINERS M51 of 2018

GREENWICH REACH TO CROSS DEEP **THE GREAT RIVER RACE**

The Great River Race will take place on Saturday 8th September 2018 from 1000 at Masthouse Terrace Pier until approximately 1600 at Ham. Throughout the day there will be Local Traffic Control, pier closures and river closures in place.

Race Start – Chalkstones Moorings to Masthouse Terrace Pier

Competitors will be taking to the water from an assembled pontoon at Millwall Dock from 0900 until the race start at 1000. A large number of vessels will congregate at the start area (extending from Masthouse Terrace Pier to Chalkstones moorings).

Local Traffic Control will be in force at the start area from 0900 until 1015 by an attending Harbour Service Launch. All vessels navigating between Masthouse Terrace Pier and Chalkstones moorings at this time are to pay particular attention to this event and maintain a continuous watch on VHF Channel 14, following instructions from the attending Harbour Service Launch; call sign prefix 'THAMES PATROL'.

In order to facilitate a safe start Canary Wharf Pier will be closed to navigation from 1005 until approximately 1115.

Central London

Competitors accompanied by the attending Harbour Service Launches will be in the vicinity of Tower Bridge from 1015 until approximately 1200. Competitors have been instructed to remain on the Starboard side of the channel, to follow all instructions from safety boats and Harbour Service Launches, and to not overtake in bridge arches.

In order to improve competitor safety piers on the north side of the river will be closed to navigation for approximately 1 hour from the times indicated:

1. St Katherine's Pier 1025
2. Tower Pier 1030
3. Blackfriars Pier 1040
4. Crown Pier 1045
5. Temple Pier 1050
6. Savoy Pier 1055
7. Embankment Pier 1100
8. Westminster Pier 1105

Masters of vessels which are not involved in the event operating between Greenwich and Westminster Bridge are to navigate with due care and attention, following all instructions from the Harbour Service Launches on VHF Channel 14.

River Closure – Eel Pie Island to Glover Island

Due to the large number of competitor vessels finishing at Ham Landing Stage the river will be closed to navigation from the lower end of Eel Pie Island to Glover Island from 1230 until 1600. This closure will be marked by two Harbour Service Launches with flashing blue lights. Only vessels officially approved by the Great River Race will be permitted into the closure area.

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

30th July 2018

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BOB BAKER
CHIEF HARBOUR MASTER



EXPIRY DATE: 11th September 2018
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