

## **NOTICE TO MARINERS** U31 of 2019

### **MORTLAKE REACH (UPPER) TO GREENWICH REACH RIVER CLOSURE REGATTA LONDON**

This Notice is also published as M66 of 2019

This Notice to Mariners supersedes Notice to Mariners M65 of 2019 and U26 of 2019

On **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2019** a mass participation rowing and paddling event supported by the Thames Tideway Tunnel project is to take place from Kew Rail Bridge to the Old Royal Naval College, Greenwich. The event has been named 'Regatta London' and will coincide with the annual Thames Barrier closure, as detailed in Notice to Mariners No.3 of 2019.

The event will consist of two parts taking place concurrently and therefore the river will re-open from Westminster Bridge upriver and downriver respectively. The Big Ben Challenge will take place between Putney and Westminster, returning to Putney. The London Crossing will take place between Kew Rail Bridge and Greenwich where participants will disembark.

In order to improve competitor safety, the river will be closed between Kew Rail Bridge and London Yard from 0630 and there will be a rolling re-opening from Westminster Bridge as follows:

**Downriver Re-open from:**

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| 1. Westminster Bridge | 10:15 |
| 2. Tower Bridge       | 10:45 |
| 3. Canary Wharf Pier  | 11:25 |
| 4. London Yard        | 12:00 |

**Upriver Re-open from:**

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|-------------------------|-------|
| 1. Westminster Bridge   | 11:00 |
| 2. Victoria Rail Bridge | 11:15 |
| 3. Wandsworth Bridge    | 12:05 |
| 4. Putney Bridge        | 12:45 |

*Kew Rail Bridge to Hammersmith Bridge will re-open at 08:45*

Harbour Service Launches exhibiting flashing blue lights will mark the upper and lower limits of the closure and no vessels other than official and authorised vessels shall be underway during closures. There will be an additional two roving Harbour Master Launches re-opening the river from Westminster Bridge and this will be promulgated through London VTS.

**All vessels not involved in the event must not be underway in the closure areas before closures commence.**

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

**18 September  
2019**

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EXPIRY DATE: 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019  
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