# THAMES DITTON REGATTA

## River Thames
## Opposite Hampton Court Palace

**SATURDAY 19 MAY 2007**
**8.30 am to 7.00 pm**

## REGATTA CONTROL
## VHF CHANNEL 10

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Dear River User,

Welcome to this lovely and historic part of the world. The Thames Ditton Regatta is one of the first of a series of regattas held in the rowing season each year and is popular with young and old, alike. Athletes come from far and wide, as well as the local community, to compete in a number of different races held under Amateur Rowing Association rules. We hope that you will enjoy the spectacle which unfolds throughout the day ending in a series of exciting finishes to determine the winners of each class.

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The Regatta races are rowed upstream along a buoyed course established on the Thames Ditton side of the river, opposite Hampton Court Palace. The races start at Boyle Farm Island and end at the Finish located alongside the River Mole, 150 metres from Hampton Court Bridge. The Regatta Secretary and other officials are situated here on the lawns in the Regatta Enclosure, which also contains the Refreshment and Beer Tents. Spectators are welcome. The Enclosure can be reached on land by walking to the end of Aragon Avenue, off Summer Road, Thames Ditton KT7 0PY. Bus no. 514 from Thames Ditton Station.

*'A truly splendid family afternoon out by the river'*

## IF YOU ARE PASSING BY, ON THE RIVER

The Environment Agency has issued a notice to river users giving certain directions. We ask everyone using the river to help us manage the event safely and to observe the following:

1. Please take care when you approach the Regatta. Stay off the racing course – use the navigation channel which is marked with orange buoys placed in the centre of the river.
2. You should go at a slow speed when passing the course and avoid making any wash; take care not to upset the boats being used by the competitors – they are very fragile and so are the people in them!
3. When going downstream from Molesey Lock or Hampton Court: you should pass to the LEFT of the orange buoys and keep them close on your right hand side.
4. When going upstream from Kingston: you should stay as far as possible on the right hand side of the river – except where it is shallow.
5. Do not anchor, moor or swim anywhere in the navigation channel or on the course.
6. MASTERS OF DEEP DRAUGHT VESSELS, PASSENGER LAUNCHES OR OTHERS PASSING UPSTREAM, ARE INVITED TO CONTACT REGATTA CONTROL ON **VHF MARINE BAND RADIO CHANNEL 10**, AT LEAST 20 MINUTES BEFORE ARRIVAL AT BOYLE FARM ISLAND, THE START OF THE COURSE, AND REQUEST DIRECTIONS AND HELP – WHICH MAY INCLUDE THE ATTENDANCE OF A GUARD BOAT – TO ASSIST THEM TO PROCEED SAFELY.

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