



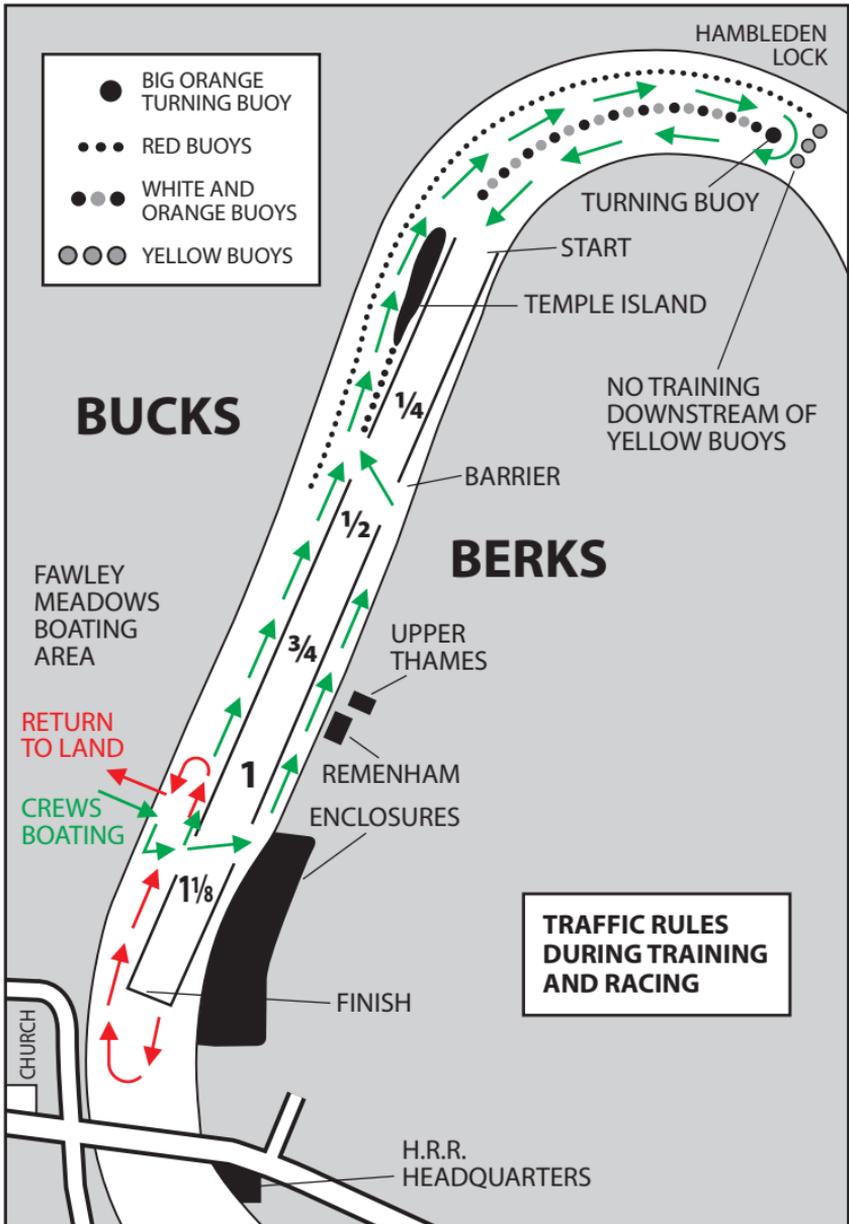
**HENLEY
ROYAL REGATTA
2021**

**TRAFFIC RULES
AND
TRAINING TIMES**

For the Committee of Management

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Crews may boat for training from Fawley Meadows from **Monday 9 August** onwards.

On Monday 9 August at 06:00 the traffic rules on the river will be changed under the direction of the Environment Agency to allow crews to use the Course as during the Regatta, i.e. rowing from the Start to the Finish between the booms. Leisure and commercial traffic will not be permitted on the Course after that time.

All of the rules and instructions in this booklet apply from that time onwards, during both training and racing (unless specified otherwise), until the end of the Regatta.

Crews boating from Henley Rowing Club, Leander, Upper Thames Rowing Club or any other point along the river should follow the same traffic circulation pattern, joining and leaving it at the appropriate point for them.

LEAVING AND RETURNING TO FAWLEY MEADOWS

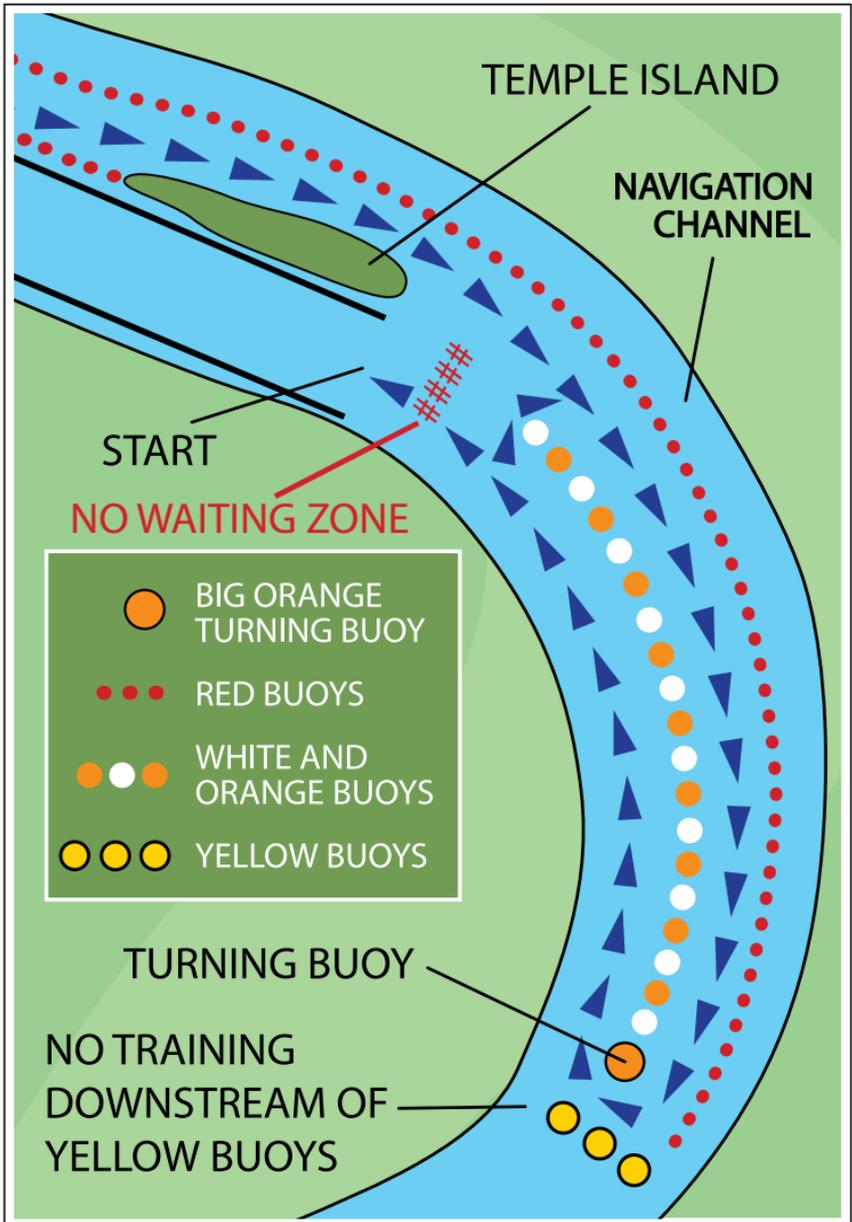
Pontoons will be fixed parallel to the riverbank for use as boating pontoons.

A boating protected zone (see plan) will be marked by posts at either end with signs directing commercial and leisure traffic away from the zone, and by buoys placed between the posts to mark the waterside boundary of the zone. When entering and leaving the boating protected zone, crews should keep within these markers.

Crews will go out to the river from the upstream end of the boating pontoons and return to the downstream end. The circulation pattern on the water is illustrated by the arrows on the plan.

Outgoing crews will row a short distance upriver, then turn and proceed to the crossing point (the opening in the booms marking the Regatta Course) and cross over to the protected area on the Berkshire bank to proceed towards the Start.

Alternatively, after turning, crews are permitted to proceed towards the Start in the general navigation channel on the Buckinghamshire side of the Course.



Marshals at either end of the boating protected zone will supervise the movements of crews leaving and returning to Fawley Meadows. A further marshal in the mile and one eighth signal box on the Course will supervise crews crossing the Course. All crews must follow the instructions of these marshals.

During racing, crews will be given boating times to align with their race times. Crews will boat in blocks of two or three races (eights in blocks of two races, smaller boats in blocks of three races). These boating times will be strictly enforced.

PROCEEDING TOWARDS THE START

Crews may proceed towards the Start using either the protected area on the Berkshire side of the Course, or the general navigation channel on the Buckinghamshire side of the Course.

The Buckinghamshire channel may become very crowded, particularly between the mile signal and Fawley. The normal rules of navigation apply in the Buckinghamshire channel at all times, and crews must comply with any directions issued by the Environment Agency.

In either channel, crews are asked to paddle steadily, and to reserve their practice starts and bursts of hard rowing until they are in the warm-up area downstream of Temple Island.

From the Barrier, all crews must proceed within the protected area between the red buoys and the Course/Temple Island.

CIRCULATION PATTERN IN WARM-UP AREA

Downstream from Temple Island all crews must stay within the warm-up area marked by the line of red buoys, and must not go past the line of large yellow buoys at the downstream end.

Crews must turn around the large orange 'turning buoy', and then circulate in a clockwise manner around the line of alternate white and orange buoys.

Crews must take care when practising starts as the warm-up area is narrow and on a bend, so it is not possible to go straight for any distance.

On the days of racing, the downstream section of the warm-up area may be further restricted by boats moored on the Berkshire bank.

Crews waiting to come onto the Start for their race should wait downstream of the 'No Waiting Zone' to allow space for the Umpire's launch to turn.

ON THE COURSE

Crews may only enter the Course at the Start.

During training, crews stopping on the Course must not obstruct following crews. Crews on the Course, rowing towards the Finish, have absolute right of way at all times over those ahead of them.

AFTER THE FINISH

Crews returning to Fawley Meadows will turn a suitable distance after passing through the Finish, and proceed back along the general navigation channel (obeying the same rules as commercial and leisure traffic) to an area at the downstream end of the boating pontoons, where they will turn to face upstream and return to the incoming pontoons within the boating protected zone.

During racing on Saturday and Sunday (when the races are at 10-minute intervals), it may be possible for crews to return to Fawley Meadows by proceeding the wrong way down the Course as far as the crossing point, and then leaving the Course towards the Buckinghamshire bank there. This route will be allowed only if the navigation channel near the Finish is busy, and it is under the control of a marshal in the Press Box (beyond the Finish). Any crew wishing to use this route must follow the instructions of that marshal.

Cooling down is not permitted on the Course after racing. Any crew using the river upstream of Henley bridge for cooling down does so at its own risk. Crews may go upstream through the arches on the Church side of the bridge only; using the centre arch of the bridge is forbidden, in either direction.

OBSTACLES TO WATCH OUT FOR

There is a large filming platform adjacent to the Start. Crews must keep a good lookout for this platform when approaching the Start.

Between the top of Temple Island and the Barrier, a low-wash TV camera catamaran will operate next to the Course as part of the filming of the Regatta. It will travel inside its own buoyed lane and will track alongside each race. Crews should take particular care when crossing the Course at the Barrier and at the top of the Island where the catamaran will be turning.

A drone will be deployed to gather pictures from the air. Crews should not stop within 20 metres of the drone platforms, when in use, for safety reasons.

TRAINING TIMES

Monday 9 August	Training day	Course open:	From 08:00 until 20:00
Tuesday 10 August	Training day	Course open:	From 08:00 until 20:00 EXCEPT Between 15:00 and 16:00 when the Course will be closed to training crews for a filming rehearsal.
Wednesday 11 August to Sunday 15 August	HRR race days	No training on the Course during racing.	
Wednesday 11 August to Sunday 15 August	HRR race days	Training on the Course is allowed in the early morning, in the lunch and tea intervals, and after racing in the evening, subject to the following rules:	The boating pontoons will be opened for outgoing crews (training) from 07:00.
			Crews must be off the Course 30 minutes before the start of the first race in any session.
			Crews wishing to train <u>after</u> a session of racing may boat no earlier than 10 minutes before the start of the last race in the session.
			Only those crews racing in the session immediately after any lunch or tea interval are allowed to train during that interval.
			In the evening, the boating pontoons will be closed for incoming crews at 20:00 or 60 minutes after the end of racing (whichever is later).
			On Saturday 14 August training is <u>not</u> allowed in the evening after racing (the Course is traditionally opened to all other river traffic).