



Upper Tideway Code Area (Special navigation rules)

With the tidal stream:

- ➔ **Outbound on the EBB** – stay in the Fairway on the Starboard (right-hand/bow) side
- ➔ **Inbound on the FLOOD** – stay in the Fairway on the Starboard (right-hand/bow) side
- ▨ In the Fairway, do not stop in a Crossing Zone. Only boats waiting to cross the Fairway should stop near a crossing

Against either tidal stream (working the slacks):

- ➔ Use the **Inshore Zone** staying as close to the bank as is safe and inside any navigation buoys
- ▨ 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 to the Inshore Zone

Col Regs (Starboard navigation rule)

Regardless of the tidal stream:

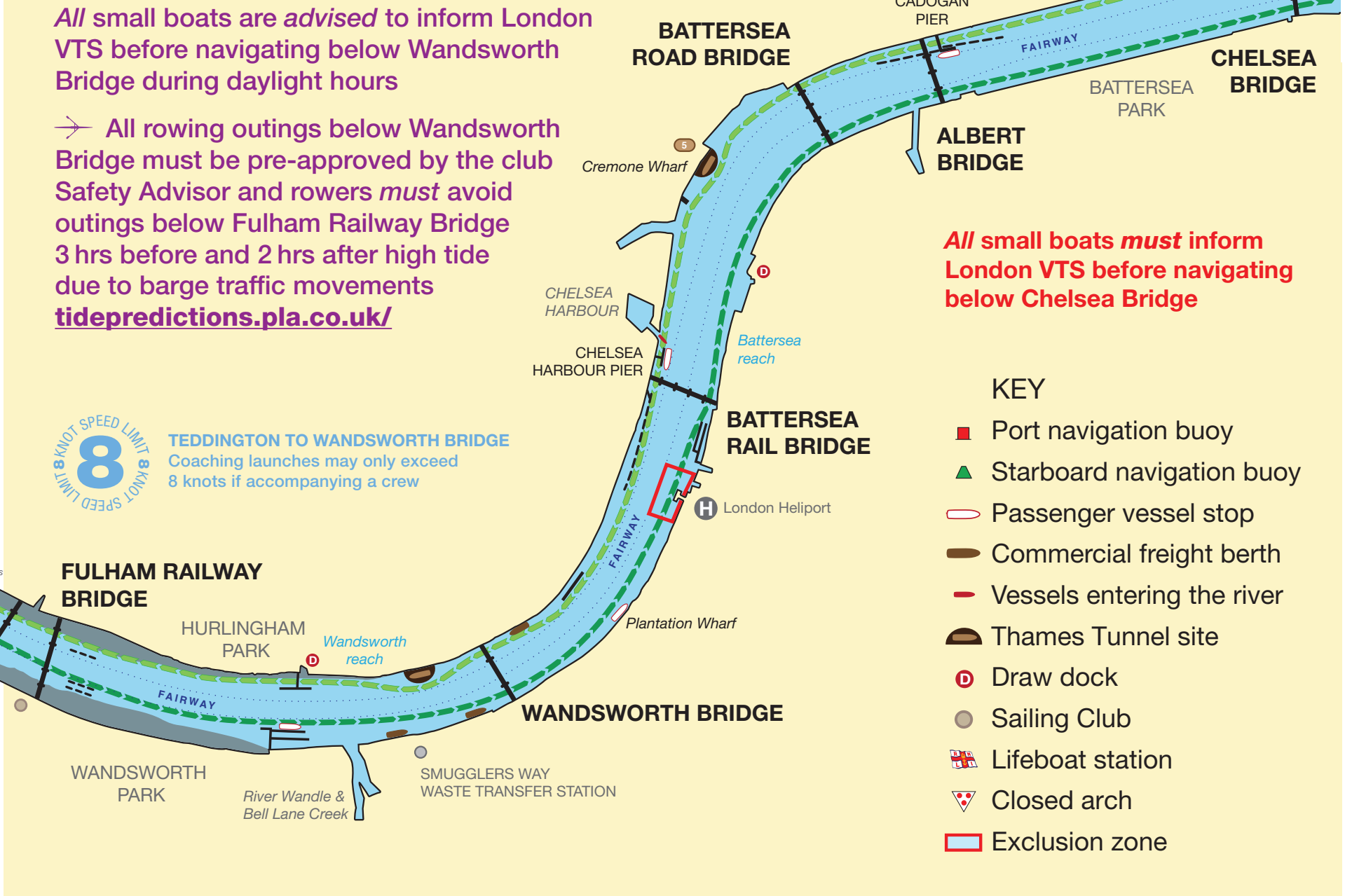
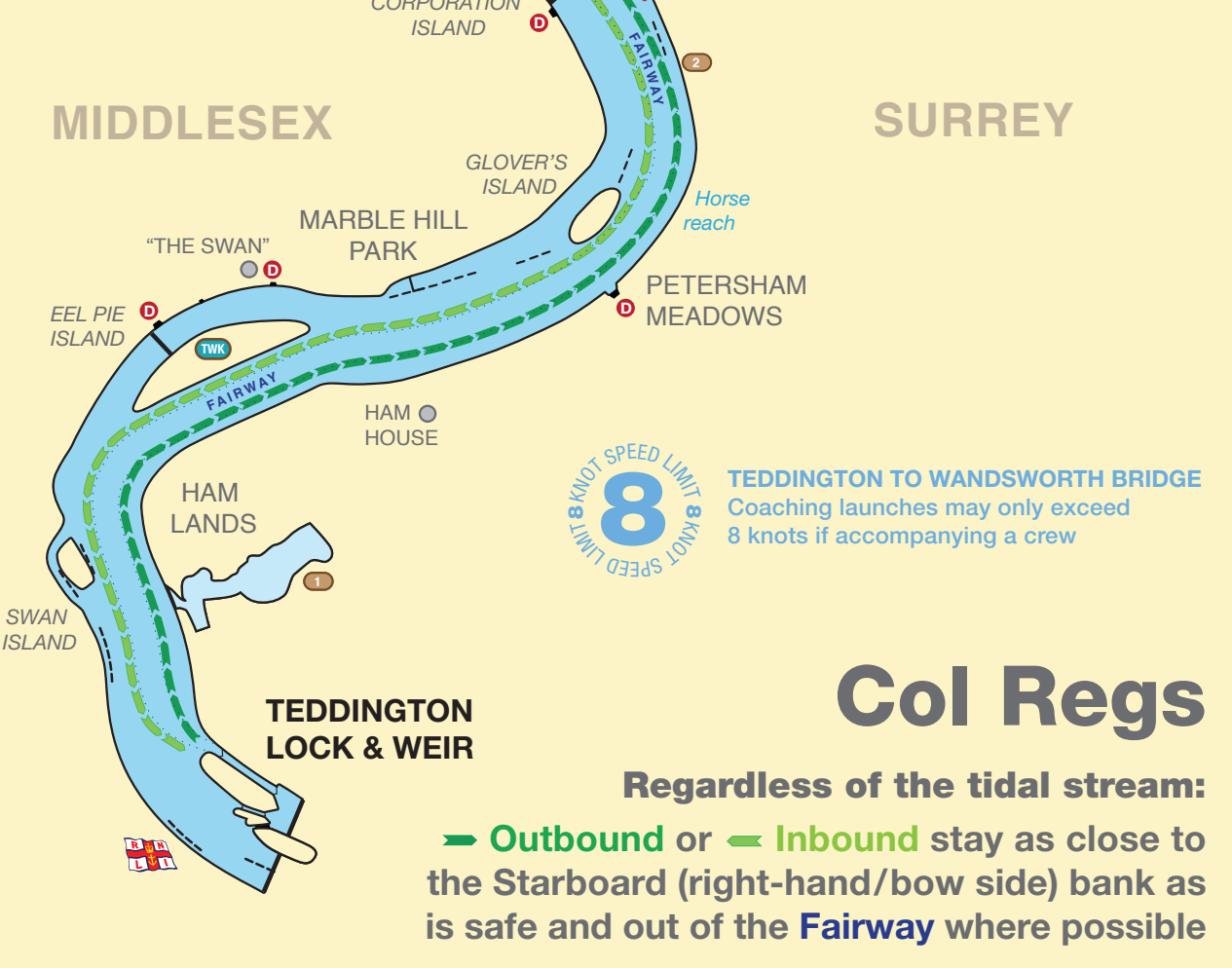
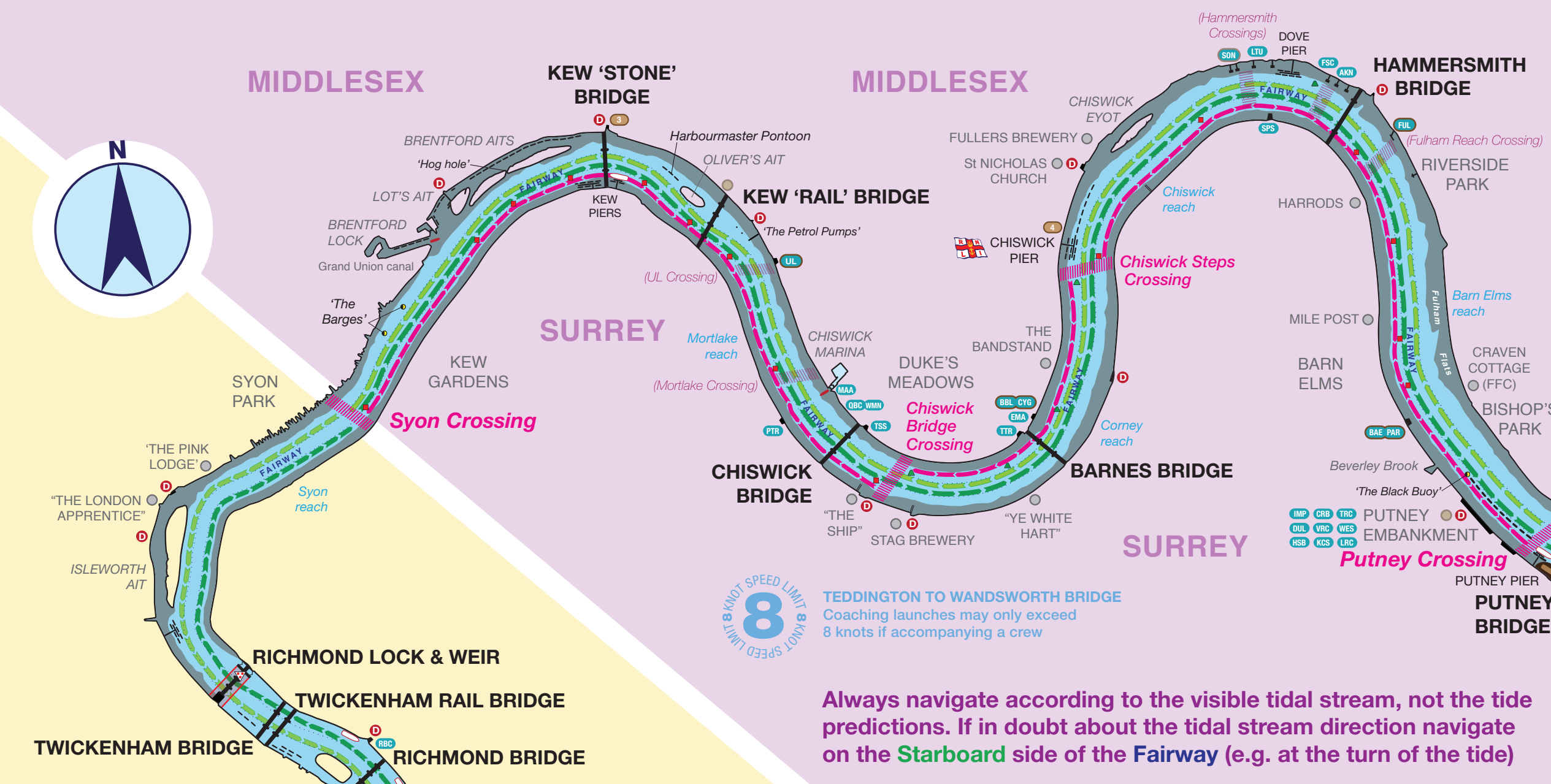
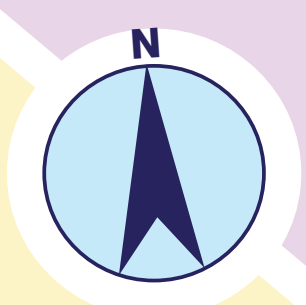
- ➔ **Outbound** or ➔ **Inbound** stay as close to the Starboard (right-hand/bow) side bank as is safe and out of the Fairway where possible. Go inside/under piers where water levels allow and it is safe to do so

All small boats must inform London VTS if they are afloat below Wandsworth Bridge after dark

All small boats are advised to inform London VTS before navigating below Wandsworth Bridge during daylight hours

✈ All rowing outings below Wandsworth Bridge must be pre-approved by the club Safety Advisor and rowers must avoid outings below Fulham Railway Bridge 3 hrs before and 2 hrs after high tide due to barge traffic movements tidepredictions.pla.co.uk/

HS ABOVE WANDSWORTH BRIDGE
High Speed for CoC vessels only
All other vessels 12 knot limit



All small boats must inform London VTS before navigating below Chelsea Bridge

- KEY**
- Port navigation buoy
 - ▲ Starboard navigation buoy
 - Passenger vessel stop
 - Commercial freight berth
 - ➔ Vessels entering the river
 - Thames Tunnel site
 - Draw dock
 - Sailing Club
 - Lifeboat station
 - ▽ Closed arch
 - ▭ Exclusion zone

Always navigate according to the visible tidal stream, not the tide predictions. If in doubt about the tidal stream direction navigate on the **Starboard** side of the Fairway (e.g. at the turn of the tide)

Everywhere along the tidal Thames always **KEEP A GOOD LOOKOUT** by sight and by sound, in front and behind

Large motor vessels have Right of Way over small boats which should always allow them space in the Fairway/ deep water channel

All boats in the Fairway have Right of Way and overtaking boats must give way or wait until it is clear

Never cross in front of a boat in the Fairway, even in a Crossing Zone

Do not stop, turn, cross, overtake or do slow-moving exercises within 75m of any bridges

Do not spread out across the channel

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- PRINCIPAL BOATHOUSES: Rowing/Paddling (not all clubs are listed)**
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| 1 Thames Young Mariners | LTU Latymer Upper School |
| 2 Twickenham/EPIC SUP | SPS St. Paul's School |
| 3 Richmond Canoe Club | FSC Furnivall |
| RBC Richmond Boat Club | AKN Auriol Kensington |
| EDGE Canoe Club/Active360 SUP | FUL Fulham Reach/Blades Canoe Club |
| Chelsea Kayak Club | BAE PAR Barn Elms/Parrs Priory |
| UL University of London (incl. colleges) | Putney Bridge/Battersea Canoe |
| Outriggers & Dragon boats | IMP Imperial College |
| PTR Putney Town | TRC HSB Thames/HSBC |
| MAA Mortlake Anglian & Alpha | VRC Vesta |
| QBC WMN Quintin/Westminster Uni. | WES Westminster School |
| TSS Tideway Scullers School | CRB Crabtree |
| ITR Thames Tradesmen | DUL Dulwich College |
| EMA Emanuel School | KCS Kings College School |
| BBL CYB BBLRC/Cygnet/Civil Service Canoe club | LRC London |
| 4 Chiswick Pier Canoe Club | 5 Kayaking London/EPIC CIC |
| SON Sons of the Thames | |

EMERGENCIES

Always carry a mobile phone (in a buoyant water-proof case) for emergency use

If life-threatening, immediately call **999 or 112** and ask for the **Coastguard** who will send the appropriate assistance. Be prepared to give your name, location and the nature of the emergency

INCIDENTS

For non-emergencies and near misses call **London VTS** on **0203 2607711** or **VHF ch14** or use the smart phone app >

FURTHER INFORMATION

All rowers and paddlers navigating on the tidal Thames must be fully conversant with **The Tideway Code**. Also see:

- www.boatingonthethames.co.uk
- **PLA Tidal Thames – smartphone app**
- **Recreational Users' Guide – leaflet**

