<u>Devizes to Westminster Canoe Race Support Team</u> <u>Driving instructions</u>

These notes are offered as a guide to people supporting teams competing in the Devizes to Westminster International Canoe Race. Every effort has been made to ensure that this information is correct; however, changes may be made to road layouts without our knowledge and so these should be treated as a guide only.

Locations of locks and bridges etc are marked IN BOLD BLOCK CAPITALS AND UNDERLINED

Some items are marked <u>IN CAPITAL LETTERS AND UNDERLINED</u> These include additional instructions and should be followed. (They normally relate to access restrictions).

Important Note for All Drivers

Please drive carefully. Do not speed through towns and villages, do not obstruct residents' drive ways or behave in a discourteous or obnoxious way. As supporters you are ambassadors for the race and how you behave affects perceptions of the event. Poor or inconsiderate driving and parking can damage the important relationships we have with residents' associations and local authorities. Remember also that the police are well aware of the tendency for support crews to speed from lock to lock and frequently mount speed traps to catch errant motorists. If you are detained for a prolonged period by the police, this could seriously impact your crew's race. PLEASE NOTE PARKING AT THE FINISH HAS CHANGED FOR 2016 RACE – SEE INSTRUCTIONS AT THE END OF THIS NOTE.

Calculation of Crews' Position Against Time

If you are not sure of your crew's speed, use graph paper. Plot time vertically with 1 minute per 1 small square and distance across with 1/10 mile per 1 small square. Mark all the points where you intend to see your crew as vertical lines at the right distance and as you see them, mark the time on the relevant vertical line. Once you have two or more points, you can extrapolate to the next vertical line and be accurate to within a minute or two. Crews tend to paddle at a constant speed for many miles even if that speed varies from day to day.

What To Do If You Lose your Crew

First, give your crew a little more time to reach the relevant location. Ask other support crews if they have any news of your team.

Then, if you are still not sure where they may have got to, move on to the next point where you can guarantee to be ahead of them. If they do not appear with the other boats that they have previously been paddling with and whose numbers you recognise, then call the DW Control Centre on 020-7620-0298.

Remember also to check the DW website. Entrants in the non-stop race must carry a tracking device and this will show up on the interactive map at www.dwrace.org.uk

Please remember, lots of support parties lose their crews but it's not a disaster: most paddlers have enough food and drink on board to last for a prolonged period.

If you have news of other crews that may be in trouble then please also report this back to the DW Information Centre on 020-7620-0298 don't assume that someone else will do this.

Route Information

Devizes - Newbury

DEVIZES CAR PARK

Toilets in car park. (24 hour)

Toilets, upstairs, in the registration area of the Kennet & Avon Canal Trust Centre. Exit car Park

- turn LEFT onto A361

Toilets in car park on right (24 hour)

Follow main road, over roundabouts and pick up signs to Swindon.

Toilets in park on right. (24 hour)

Leave Devizes by London Road - still following Swindon signs Cross over

canal and past Police HQ, on left hand side.

Continue along A316 until you reach a roundabout, signposted for Allington, Horton & All Cannings.

At roundabout, turn RIGHT into Horton Road

Pewsey/Horton/Bishops Cannings

Over canal Bridge, past Bridge Inn Pub

HORTON BRIDGE

Straight through Horton
Over Canal Bridge
Continue on main road - signed to Pewsey
To T-junction (Alton Barnes), turn RIGHT
Woodborough / Hillcott
Follow main road

HONEY STREET BRIDGE

Retrace route to Alton Barnes, straight on past the turning that you came from. Immediately past junction turn RIGHT - Wilcot / Pewsey

WILCOT BRIDGE

Follow main road - signed Pewsey into Pewsey, over railway line - follow main road
To T-junction, turn LEFT - Oare / Marlborough
Under railway bridge

PEWSEY WHARF

Car park on RIGHT

Parking at St Francis School opposite wharf.

Retrace route to Pewsey, A345

Past the turning that you came from, at mini roundabout take RIGHT

fork

At War Memorial turn LEFT- Burbage, B3087

Follow main Burbage Road

Ignore 1st sign to Wootton Rivers/New Mill, go to Milton

Lilbourne

Turn LEFT for Wootton Rivers at cross road

Follow main route, under railway bridge bear RIGHT signed Wootton Rivers

BRIDGE OVER CANAL

Road turns RIGHT to Wootton Rivers SINGLE track road into Wootton Rivers T-junction at Royal Oak Pub turn RIGHT- Towards Eastern Royal

WOOTTON RIVERS

Parking before or after bridge

Over railway bridge bear LEFT - Eastern Royal

Follow main road - VERY NARROW

T-junction turn RIGHT - Eastern Royal

T-junction turn LEFT on to B3087- Burbage

At roundabout, straight over- East Grafton/Hungerford A338

To East Grafton

At cross-roads turn LEFT - Crofton

SINGLE track road

T-junction, turn RIGHT over bridge -

CENTRE OF CROFTON FLIGHT

Follow railway line then over railway bridge

CROFTON - follow main road

Sharp left-hand bend, cross canal and turn RIGHT.

Parking is in the field at Crofton Beam engines and access to the canal is via the beam engines underpass.

The rest of Crofton is a no-parking zone for race supporters.

BOTTOM OF CROFTON FLIGHT

Continue along main road to Gt Bedwyn At T-junction bear LEFT into Gt Bedwyn Into village, past Church to T-junction Turn RIGHT-Shalborne & Oxenwood over railway to canal

GREAT BEDWYN

Limited parking at the wharf.

Turn LEFT out of car park, back into centre of Gt Bedwyn. At '3 Tuns' Pub, turn RIGHT -Little Bedwyn Follow signs for Little Bedwyn.

LITTLE BEDWYN

DO NOT PARK ON BRIDGE OR IN THE VILLAGE, NEAR THE CANAL (this portage is completely out of bounds for supporters, whether they are on bike, foot or arrive in a vehicle).

Instead, turn RIGHT over railway and canal - signed to Bagshot
Continue on main road, through Bedwyn, signed Hungerford
Continue along road - canal on left

FROXFIELD FLIGHT (lock 68)

Parking & access to all 3 locks

Bearing round to LEFT over canal. Carry on over railway bridge to A4, turn RIGHT – Hungerford, A4 (Toilets on right as you enter the town; closed at night). To mini roundabout, turn RIGHT - signed Town Centre/Salisbury Over canal into High St. Some parking in High St. Parking also available in Tesco, subject to store restrictions.

HUNGERFORD LOCK

Access is along towpath, from canal bridge.

From Bridge, continue up High St, pass under railway bridge From High St, turn LEFT into Park St, Signed Station On to Hungerford Common- canal on left - Stay on main rd. Next LEFT – past Pill Box, towards Lower Denford, Over railway to canal at Dunmill

Note: In this area, known issues exist with some versions of Microsoft Autoroute.

If you are planning your journey using this program, it may not show the route passing over Hungerford common and the route will be marked returning via the A4 to Dunmill Lock.

DUNNMILL LOCK

Limited parking

Continue along road, out of Portdown Common to A4 turn RIGHT Along A4 to right turn at crossroads for Kintbury, Continue along road to level crossing, park in Station area:

KINTBURY LOCK

THERE IS NO PARKING IN DUNDAS ARMS HOTEL CAR PARKS EITHER SIDE OF CANAL (you may be blocked in if you do park here)

Public Toilets for supporters and CREW are here.

Retrace route from Kintbury to A4
Turn RIGHT onto A4 towards Newbury
Turn RIGHT at crossroads, signed to Marsh Benham/Hampstead Marshall Over
next cross roads, Over level crossing:

HAMPSTEAD LOCK

West of bridge - limited parking

Retrace route from Hampstead Marshall to A4 Turn RIGHT onto A4 and continue to Newbury 1st Roundabout continue on A4 to Newbury, passing over A34 2nd Roundabout continue on A4 to Newbury

(FOR STAGES RACE ONLY) SENIORS K2's SEE BELOW

Just after Starting Gate Pub on left, opposite Robert Sandilands School on left Turn RIGHT into old Bath Road.

At mini-roundabout, turn RIGHT in to Strawberry Hill - Signed 'North Croft Recreation Centre' Follow road around to right, in front of Lion Public House
At T-Junction turn RIGHT into North Croft Lane. Signed 'North Croft Recreation Centre' Park in car park at Recreation Centre

NEWBURY CAMPSITE. (End of first day, for stages race).

Retrace route from Recreation Centre back to A4 At T-Junction turn Right in front of Robert Sandilands School

SENIOR K2's CONTINUE HERE

Straight over next roundabout stay on A4 Get in RIGHT hand lane signed A339
Follow signs A339 Basingstoke/Winchester.
At traffic lights follow A34 Winchester, cross over canal, keep in the right hand lane. At roundabout take 3rd exit, into Bear Lane. Signed 'Town Centre'
At mini roundabout - Turn RIGHT - into Wharf Road and Car parks.

NEWBURY WHARF

Toilets can be found here for Supporters and Crew.

Newbury to Marlow

NEWBURY WHARF CAR PARK

Leave car parks, turn LFT at miniroundabout

1st roundabout -

Turn LEFT-back over canal, keep in left hand lane.

At bottom of the flyover filter left signed 'Thatcham' A4.

2nd roundabout -Take 2nd -'Reading A4 & Industrial areas'

Follow road round to right and back under A34

At traffic lights turn LEFT - Signed 'Thatcham'

Follow A4 out of 'Newbury',

Continue on A4 thru 'Thatcham'

Leave town, passing Texaco petrol station on the left hand side.

Straight over at 1st Roundabout

Take 2nd exit off next roundabout - signed 'Station'

To next roundabout 1st exit- 'Crookham'
Go across level crossing and park in the station car park.

OLD MONKEY MARSH (Lock 90)

Park on LEFT in Station Car Park. Access to lock by foot is across level crossing, turn right along canal side to lock, heading west.

Return to roundabout
Retrace route to A4
Turn RIGHT signed 'Colthrop'
Turn right at T junction and then take first exit at roundabout. cross level crossing, immediately turn LEFT down unmade road.
Turn RIGHT across bridge over canal

COLTHROP LOCK

Retrace route back to A4
Note: No right turn, at this point.
Turn left towards Newbury and
Use the next roundabout to turn back towards Reading A4
Turn RIGHT at Coach and Horses - signed 'Brimton'

MIDGHAM LOCK,

(Limited parking)

Retrace route back to A4
Follow A4 to Woolhampton
In Woolhampton, turn RIGHT at The Angel Public House, into Station Road Continue over level crossing and canal to Rowbarge Inn

OLD WOOLHAMPTON LOCK

Retrace route to A4, turn RIGHT

Follow A4

At next roundabout Turn RIGHT - signed 'Kennet and Avon Visitors Centre' Turn LEFT signed 'Kennet and Avon Visitors Centre'

ALDERMASTON LOCK.

Very limited parking and toilets at Kennet and Avon Visitors Centre (building works in 2016).

Retrace path back to A4 Turn RIGHT on to A4 turn RIGHT at end of dual carriageway at Winning Hand Public House, into Ufton Lane. Cross over level crossing

UFTON NERVET LOCK

(Poor parking)

Retrace back to A4 Turn RIGHT on to A4

Turn RIGHT at The Spring Inn, signed 'Police Training College' Over railway bridge

TYLE MILL LOCK

Over river to Canal at Tyle Mill - good parking

Retrace route back to A4

Turn RIGHT for A4

At roundabout take third exit to A4 and Station

At next roundabout take third exit to Arlington Business Park and Station.

Continue through Business Park and on towards station.

At the end of a long straight road, running parallel to the rail line, pass station car park and turn left at roundabout. Pass over canal swing bridge

SHEFFIELD LOCK Theale

Parking and access to lock 50 yards on.

Turn LEFT into ARC entry, bear LEFT and follow track to canal Retrace route to A4 At roundabout take A4 signposted Reading. Straight over M4 (Junction 12)

Follow A4 towards Reading

Continue for 2.1 miles and filter right, opposite the George & Dragon, at traffic lights, into Burghfield Road Follow road over river and railway bridges

BURGHFIELD LOCK

Over canal bridge, park on the left. DO NOT PARK IN THE CUNNING MAN PUB CAR PARK, you will get blocked in by the landlord if you're not obviously a customer.

Lock is South West of bridge 450 metres

Retrace steps from Burghfield to A4, turn RIGHT

Straight across next 3 mini roundabouts, sign posted A4 /Town Centre

Straight over next set of traffic lights

Down to main roundabout, turn RIGHT onto A329- signed 'All Other Routes' Down onto the

Inner Distribution Road

NO ACCESS TO COUNTY LOCK

Straight over next set of lights

Follow signs All other routes/A4 Maidenhead

Leave Reading on Kings Road, A4, towards Maidenhead

NO ACCESS TO BLAKES LOCK

Pass under railway bridge.

1st roundabout take 1st exit, signposted "Thames Valley Park" To next

roundabout - 1st exit 25m on left, turn left into car park or on road.

DREADNOUGHT REACH

Note: Compulsory portage at this point.

Leaving car park, turn left along dual carriageway.

At roundabout, take the third exit which will return you the way you came

(Do not attempt to drive over central reservation opposite car park; this area is covered by CCTV.) Back to

roundabout at end of A329M, 1st exit Maidenhead A4

Immediately take slip road to roundabout on A4

At roundabout take 1st exit - A4

Next roundabout - 3rd exit A4

Next roundabout - 1st exit A4

Bear left over railway bridge to small, staggered crossroads

Turn LEFT - B4446 Sonning

Follow road through village to mini-roundabout

Turn LEFT B478 'Thames Street'

Follow road over hump-back bridge over River Thames

AT SONNING LOCK

Park only uphill by the church. Any parking by the hotel/on the river/approach to the lock will be penalised.

To next roundabout- straight over

To next roundabout- 3rd exit (RIGHT) to Henley A4155

Continue on A4155 to outskirts of Henley

Straight over small roundabout (Superstore signposted to right)

Turn RIGHT into Mill Lane (there used to be a Jet Garage here but it's been knocked down)

Forward over railway bridge Turn LEFT into car park

MARSH LOCK

(from car park, walk ahead down lane to lock)

Note: before leaving this car park you must decide whether to go to Hambledon or Hurley – it is not possible to do both without 2 support vehicles.

Exit car park, turn RIGHT, return to A4155 and turn RIGHT.
Straight through Henley Town Centre, following signs for Marlow A4155.
To a pair of mini-roundabouts, turn RIGHT at second, Marlow A4155
Continue on A4155 to Hambledon
In village MILL END turn LEFT, signposted car park 500yds on left
Continue down road - car park on LEFT hand side. Max height 6'8. Toilets at car park

HAMBLEDON LOCK

(Access Lock by walking back to A4155, turn RIGHT and cross road. Follow footpath signs and cross gantry over weir to Lock)

Retrace route from car park to A4155 and turn LEFT- signed 'Marlow'
Straight into Marlow to small roundabout at War Memorial, turn RIGHT- signed 'Bisham'
At end of High St, mini-roundabout, turn LEFT into Station Road
Take 3rd RIGHT into Mill Road, immediately before the Prince of Wales pub. Follow road towards lock. - Parking LIMITED

MARLOW LOCK

(Access Lock via footpath at end of Gardens)

On return, continue past entrance to lock and take first LEFT- Lock Rd At cross roads turn LEFT (Marlow Donkey Pub on corner)
Return to Marlow High St and at mini-roundabout turn LEFT over Marlow Bridge, Turn 1st LEFT to Cookham Dean / Longridge Scout Camp Entrance to Longridge on LEFT after passing under road bridge (please note cars with trailers should use second entrance)

LONGRIDGE SCOUT CAMP CAMPSITE (End of second day of stages race)

Marlow to Teddington

Exit Longridge, turn LEFT
Follow signs to Cookham Straight through
Cookham, over level crossing B4447
Straight over two mini-roundabouts
Across village green to T-junction and turn RIGHT, Maidenhead A4094

(If supporting at Cookham Bridge, turn right at T-junction mentioned above and then park in small car park on right hand side after approx. 100 metres before walking back along main road to Ferry Pub which has riverside access)

Past car park with toilets on RIGHT Continue towards Maidenhead.

At point where river runs parallel to road – public car park on RIGHT - Max height 1.9m – do not park on the road, even if it's the middle of the night. Traffic wardens come here specifically to ticket DW support vehicles!

BOULTERS WEIR

(Access is by foot, leave car park turn RIGHT, walk 110 yards to bridge over lock, past Hotel and into Park. Go to far end of Park- Portage by weir.)

Toilets are open 24 hours.

Note: before leaving this car park you must decide whether time permits support at BRAY - only suitable for slower crews or with 2 support vehicles. Please note that Bray involves a very long walk – approximately 10 to 15 minutes as cars must be parked a long distance from the river

Turn right out of car park

Continue along road to the roundabout, turn LEFT A4 Slough Cross the

bridge over the river.

Pass under the railway bridge then, at traffic lights, turn RIGHT - signed 'Dorney reach'

(For <u>BRAY LOCK</u> turn RIGHT into 'Old Marsh Lane', and park before bridleway sign before continuing on foot or by bike. Continue down lane till you see Amerden Lodge B & B. To right of this is footpath to river. Turn right at river to proceed to lock. Allow 10 to 15 minutes to walk from car to Lock. After return to car, go back to end of Old Marsh Lane and turn right)

Continue over M4 motorway through Dorney Reach to T-junction Turn RIGHT onto B3026 to 'Eton'

NO ACCESS TO BOVENEY LOCK

Boveney cannot cope with any support vehicle parking and all supporters are instructed to stay away. Be aware that umpires will penalise your crew if you are seen at or near Boveney, even if you do not actually intend to provide support.

Continue to Eton, past School

At Traffic Lights, turn LEFT B3022 -Windsor & Slough

Follows signs for Windsor B3022

Go on to second roundabout, take first exit- 'Windsor & Bagshot'

A332 over Thames

Take slip road to LEFT A308 Maidenhead.

Down to roundabout

Take first exit signed 'Town Centre'

Straight over 3 sets of traffic lights to roundabout

Take first exit - Datchet (B470)

Under old railway bridge to river front bear RIGHT

(In high water conditions, COMPULSORY PORTAGE for competitors around bridge into lock cut. Follow instructions) Continue through town, at mini roundabout immediately after Riverside Railway Station turn first left into car park, behind playing fields.

ROMNEY LOCK

(Access is over footbridge at the left corner of the Pay and Display Car Park. Turn RIGHT to end of road, through gate on LEFT, crossing lock by upstream gate at far end, turn LEFT and follow path along to portage, near weir.

THERE IS NO PARKING AT ANY TIME FOR DW VEHICLES IN THE BOAT YARD.

Retrace route from ROMNEY Lock to main road, Turn LEFT

over Thames B3021 into Datchet.

Follow signs for 'Staines & Old Windsor' Cross Thames once more.

Follow signs - 'Staines & Egham' A308

Turn LEFT after Toby Carvery, into Church Road, signed "Parish Church."

Follow Church Road to St George's Farm, on left hand side with ornamental railings. Turn LEFT into Ham Lane.

Go to End of Ham Lane

Parking is before footbridge on RIGHT only.

NO VEHICLES allowed ON TOW PATH

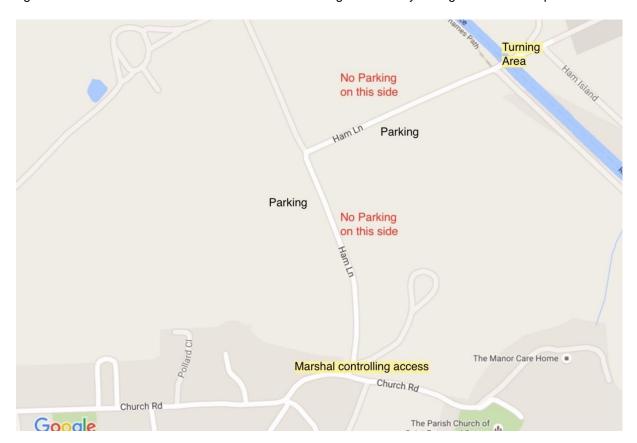
OLD WINDSOR LOCK,

New for 2016: Ham Lane, the access road to the river, is a PRIVATE road.

Because of safety issues there is NO access for minibuses or trailers. This is essential to keep the road clear for Emergency Services, Thames Water and access for the farm.

You MUST drive up to the bridge and turn around before parking and you MUST park only in the approved areas, please see map. Anyone seen parking inappropriately or blocking the road will be penalised.

Parking is on the left 100m from the bridge to 20m before the corner. When you round the corner parking is on the right until the road narrows. There will be cones and signs – but any infringements will be penalised.



After Old Windsor, retrace route from Lock to main road Turn LEFT to mini roundabout 1st exit- 'Staines & Egham' A308 (A30)

RIVERSIDE ACCESS

(By day after 1/2 mile turn LEFT into car park meet crew on bankside. Toilets at Rear of National Trust Tea Rooms) (At night, Car Park is shut)

Back onto road through Park, or carry on through Park if not stopping

BELL WEIR IS ACCESSIBLE BUT ONLY IF YOU PARK AND WALK. THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO ACCESS VIA RUNNYMEDE HOTEL - USE OF ITS CAR PARK STRICTLY FORBIDDEN

To roundabout, take 2nd exit (straight over), passing under M25. Parking is possible around here, but only where safe to do so. Continue on to the third roundabout and take first exit to Staines Town centre B376 Cross over Thames. Bear RIGHT into 1-way system, keep right - signed 'Shepperton' B376

Follow signs for Shepperton'B376

Continue on B376 towards Laleham, 250 yards past Anglers Retreat

Pub on left turn RIGHT into 'Riverway' opposite "Notcutts" garden

centre. Proceed to end where Riverway meets Ryde Rd.

Access to the river is via Public footpath on LEFT of new builds (Thamesway). There is no vehicle access to river at this point.

PENTON HOOK LOCK

Access is via footpath, through entry to river front, turn RIGHT

(Please be guiet and considerate to residents – we have had many complaints here in the past)

Retrace route from to main road, turn RIGHT
On to next roundabout, turn RIGHT- 'Shepperton' B376
Take third turning on RIGHT, opposite the 'Three Horseshoes' pub, into Ferry Lane
Along river bank past Laleham Caravan Park
Toilets in Council Car Park
Continue under M3

CHERTSEY LOCK

The roadside is all double yellow lined and the police are known to attend to deal with anyone who parks here. Do not use the pub car park unless you're buying a drink there.

Continue to T-junction, turn LEFT

At roundabout take 2nd exit - Shepperton B375

Take first right, after approximately 500m by post box, into concealed road 'Dockett Eddy Lane' (just after Lee Motors) Long straight road to river

Follow LEFT bend along one way road

SHEPPERTON LOCK

Parking on roadside as available

Toilets for supporters or crew - (Coin access).

Proceed straight on (downstream direction), turning sharp LEFT and go up Ferry Lane At B376 turn RIGHT

At roundabout, take 3rd exit- Sunbury B375

Cross over mini-roundabout and at next roundabout, take 3rd exit-'Walton' A244

Cross over Thames, and stay in LEFT-hand lane

Turn LEFT at lights, signed 'Hampton Court' A3050

Straight over next set of lights and continue on to "Grovelands School" on right hand side.

Immediately after this, at roundabout take 1st exit (LEFT) signed to Leisure Centre

Down straight road to mini roundabout

Take 2nd exit (RIGHT)

PARK ONLY IN THE WALTON LEISURE CENTRE CAR PARK. DO NOT USE THE CAR PARK OF THE WEIR PUBLIC HOUSE. The landlord will block in anyone who appears to be connected with the race.

SUNBURY LOCK

(Access by following lane which bears left marked Walton Leisure Centre.

Walk toward Sunbury Lock RIGHT along river bank for approximately 300 metres, and support your crew anywhere you like here. NO SUPPORTERS ALLOWED AT THE ROLLERS.

Retrace route from SUNBURY Lock turning LEFT back onto A3050 Water Works on both sides of road River comes into view on left

MOLESEY LOCK

On LEFT, EXTREMELY restricted parking

(Access to Lock back along river bank by Molesey Rowing Club). NO SUPPORTERS ALLOWED AT THE ROLLERS.

Continue to Hampton Court Bridge, keeping in left hand lane.

Turn LEFT over river

At roundabout, 2nd exit (Straight over).

At next roundabout, 2nd exit over Kingston Bridge for Ham

Follow Kingston one-way system, keeping in left hand lane

Pass under railway bridge and branch LEFT onto A307 (Richmond Road).

After a little over 1 mile turn LEFT at traffic lights by Texaco garage into Dukes Avenue (becomes Riverside Drive)

Continue to end of housing on the left and park in roadway. Walk to lock.

TEDDINGTON LOCK

NO SUPPORTERS ALLOWED AT THE ROLLERS.

(It's a 5 minute walk along cycleway signposted Teddington. Walk over foot-bridge to Lock Island.)

Juniors, Singles, Veteran/Junior:

THAMES YOUNG MARINERS (End of third day, for staged race).

Continue past Teddington lock just after road bears to the right, enter THAMES YOUNG MARINERS through gate on LEFT

Teddington (Ham) to Westminster

For the Tideway, please use a London A-Z or other London map. There are plenty of bridges to see your crew. Remember your crew will move quickly on this stage. Boat speeds are MUCH greater (Assume about 3mph greater on average). Don't lose them.

Westminster. (St Thomas's Hospital / County Hall / London Eye).

2016: NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUPPORT VEHICLES.

THERE IS NO PARKING FOR MINIBUSES OR OTHER HIGH VEHICLES, CANOE TRAILERS OR VEHICLES WITH ROOF RACKS/CANOE RACKS AT ST THOMAS' HOSPITAL. All such vehicles must use car parking available at the South Bank (by the Royal Festival Hall). Follow signposts to car parking.

NO BOATS MAY BE LOADED ONTO VEHICLES AT ST THOMAS' HOSPITAL.

ALL BOATS MUST, ON FINISHING, BE CARRIED TO CAR PARKS AT THE SOUTH BANK.

Support vehicles that do not have roof racks may use St Thomas' Hospital car park. Any attempt to load boats at the hospital will be penalised. The St Thomas' Hospital car park is marshalled by DW staff.

To reach St Thomas's Hospital pay and display car park, follow signposts.

Follow the instructions of DW officials at the County Hall steps at all times. Although it may appear otherwise, the steps and walkway in front of County Hall are private property and the DW race requires the ongoing cooperation of the owners to be able to run the event to this location.

Reception for crews is in the clearly marked "DW Village" within the grounds of St Thomas's Hospital.

PLEASE NOTE: NO DW PERSONNEL, WHETHER PADDLERS OR SUPPORTERS MAY ENTER ANY HOSPITAL BUILDING EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF A GENUINE EMERGENCY.

ST THOMAS' IS A MAJOR EMERGENCY CENTRE AND A WORKING HOSPITAL. TREAT THIS AREA WITH THE GREATEST RESPECT AT ALL TIMES.

Additional notes and information.

Follow the instructions of officials at all times during the event. Failure to do so may render your team liable to time penalties or disqualification. Abuse of a race official by a supporter or competitor will result in time penalties being added to their crew's time.

The emergency contact number during this event is:

020-7620-0298

Only use this number in an emergency.

Information will be posted on the DW web site, giving the position of teams as they proceed, during the event. Follow the link below for further information.

http://www.dwrace.org.uk/

No other website should be relied on for official information.

If you, or your support, have access to the internet during the event, then you will be able to gain up-to-date information about your team's (or competition's) progress as the race progresses.

Please make sure that checkpoints have correctly noted your crew's number when passing.

Light sticks are to be worn by crews at night. Supply of light sticks is the responsibility of the crews. Please ensure that you have sufficient supplies of these and spare batteries for lights that may be required on your boat.

Finally, if you identify any errors in these driving instructions, please notify us - email: dwchiefumpire@hotmail.co.uk