

## LEA AUTUMN REGATTA 2008 – SAFETY

The racing course finishes at the boathouse and starts 600metres upstream. It is not possible to proceed safely upstream on the course whilst racing is in progress.

**NO OTHER BOATS SHOULD BE ON THE COURSE, INCLUDING IN FRONT OF THE LANDING STAGE, WHILST COMPETITORS ARE RACING.**

Racing will take place in divisions and access to the start will be between divisions.

Finishing competitors can warm down below the bridge at the finish and all competitors must go below the bridge to turn, paying attention to any other river users. Finishing competitors should disembark at the *downstream* end of the landing stage, should do so quickly, and should not leave the boat on the water.

Competitors going afloat for their division should only do so when the previous division has finished racing. They should use the *upstream* end of the landing stage. They should try to be prepared and ready to go upstream without delay at the end of the previous division's racing.

The warm up area is downstream from the boathouse and competitors are reminded that the rule of navigation is to travel on the RIGHT. Again watch out for other river users.

**OCCASIONALLY THERE MAY BE OTHER RIVER TRAFFIC THAT MIGHT WANT TO TRAVERSE THE AREA. EVERYBODY SHOULD BE ALERT TO THIS POSSIBILITY AND EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO WARN PEOPLE.**

There will be two Marshals, one at each end of the course, to cope with other river traffic wanting to pass through the regatta area. Marshals will ask the vessels to wait for the course to be cleared and will advise the umpires and regatta control that there is a vessel waiting to get through.

The procedure then will be to finish the race in progress then delay further racing and move crews otherwise on the river to make way for the traffic to proceed. The regatta will resume once the marshal at the other end has advised the river is clear.

There will be a rescue launch stationed in the bay at mid-course and the driver will have a radio, as will the marshal and the four course umpires on duty. There is a telephone at the boathouse, number 020 8806 8282. There will be first aid facilities available at the boathouse, adjacent to registration.

Boats should be rigged in the parking area. No boats or equipment should be left on the road – except in transit between the parking area and the bank – in order to leave the road clear should access be needed for emergency vehicles.

Thank you for your co-operation.