

River Thames - intermittent closure

Scours Lane, Reading (one mile upstream of Caversham Bridge)

**Thursday 19 August 2010 and Monday 6 September 2010
from 19:00 to 00:00**

Subject to the appropriate planning permissions being obtained, Festival Republic will be installing a temporary footbridge across the River Thames at Scours Lane, Reading (one mile upstream of Caversham Bridge) for the duration of Reading Rock Festival.

Expect long delays on both 19 August and 6 September from 19:00 to 00:00 (river conditions permitting) whilst they install and dismantle the bridge.

The temporary closures will be managed by our staff on patrol launches throughout the night. Please follow their instructions. Communications will also be available on marine band VHF Channel 74.

From **19 August – 6 September**, all masters of boats should take care whilst navigating in the vicinity of this new structure.

Once in place the bridge's headway will be **5.35 metres / 17 feet 6 inches** at standard headwater at Caversham Lock.

New temporary footbridge	5.35 metres	17'6"
Caversham Bridge	4.56 metres	15'0"
Reading Bridge	5.38 metres	17'8"

**Gail Bradstock
Harbourmaster
July 2010**

And Notice is hereby given, that it is provided by Byelaw 52 of the Thames Navigation Licensing and General Byelaws, 1993 that:

The master of any vessel shall except in an emergency not pass any boat-race regatta public procession or gathering for the launch of a vessel or any other event or function which may cause a crowd to assemble on or by the river nor station his vessel thereon in such a manner as would risk obstructing impeding or interfering with such boat-race regatta procession launching event or function or endangering the safety of persons assembling on the river or preventing or interfering with the maintenance of order thereon.

The maximum penalty for breach of this Byelaws is £1000

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