

# Waterways Enforcement Plan

Non-tidal River Thames - 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017

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1	Boat registration checks: planned campaigns and exercises to identify offences.	To protect essential income and raise awareness, whilst acting as a 'firm but fair' regulator, through planned campaigns and intelligence led exercises. To include visiting boats at Thames entry points from adjacent waters, to assure boat safety on our waterway.	<p>As a deterrent to registration (including licence, insurance and Boat Safety Scheme) evasion to ensure river user safety and to securing essential revenue.</p> <p>Delivery of a high profile regulatory or enforcement response, where evasion detected or suspected.</p> <p>Assuring the resilience of our agreements with associations and controlling bodies (such as British Rowing).</p>	Minimum 18 identifiable operations.	
2	Boat registration checks: patrol launch and lock side checks to identify offences.	To protect essential income and ensure compliance with legal requirements (e.g. insurance and Boat Safety Scheme Certificate) through regular and ad hoc local registration checks afloat, at sites, or at lock-sides. To apply appropriate offence responses where necessary and raise awareness of the need to register.		100% visual or intelligence based checks.	
3	Unpowered boat registration: rowing/sailing and other 'club boat' assurance.	To visit British Rowing (BR) affiliated clubs and associations and check boats registered through BR. To evaluate a related approach for sailing and similar clubs where practical and appropriate (e.g. a high number of 'club' boats, Royal Yachting Association affiliation).		Minimum 50% of such clubs to be visited by 31 March 2017.	
4	Accommodations: action against targets referred for enforcement action.	To respond specifically to targets referred (by the Accommodations team) for further investigation or enforcement action, notably where unlicensed structures remain in place. Delivery and development of appropriate and cost effective enforcement responses.		All those referred acted upon and feedback provided to referrer.	
5	Accommodations: ongoing control and monitoring of structures.	To gather intelligence and evidence regarding controlled structures in the river, during regular patrols. Reactive response to reports and proactive planning. Further investigation or referral of evidence gained.		Investigation of referrals or as observed by officers.	
6	Speed and wash: mobile patrol and ad hoc static "speed check" exercises.	To actively detect incidents of speed and/or wash offences, apply appropriate offence responses where necessary and seek publicity for enforcement results. To actively deter offenders, educate boat owners and promote the river as a safe environment for all.		Ensuring compliance with legislation and promoting a safe environment for everyone.	Evidence of checks and enforcement action.
7	Speed and wash: active response to intelligence.	To actively investigate reports of excessive speed or wash, reacting to that report and if appropriate, initiating a targeted response.			All reports evaluated and actioned.

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8	Short stay moorings: 3rd party management of EA mooring (appointed contractor).	To work with our appointed private contractor, to complete implementation and effectively manage all EA '24 hour' controlled mooring sites. Successfully engage with them to promote maximum availability of short stay moorings, through civil enforcement action where necessary.	Efficient and cost effective mooring management for the benefit of all legitimate moorers at EA sites.	Implementation of the scheme at EA mooring sites during 2016 to 2017.
9	Short stay moorings: support other authorities and agencies.	To continue to advise and support the use of 3rd party management and civil enforcement action at local authority, or other landowner mooring sites, attending related multi-agency events and exercises.	To promote well managed river wide short stay moorings.	Worthwhile support to landowners and authorities.
10	Other land and river bed: to promote lawful use of EA owned and other land through criminal and civil law enforcement.	To keep EA land (including the river bed below Staines) and other sites clear for legitimate use. To protect public safety and the environment and to promote safer navigation, through use of civil action as a landowner, criminal law as navigation authority, advice and guidance.	To establish legal processes on our own land, support other landowners and respond to public concerns.	Compliance action and the results of legal and other enforcement.
11	Operational joint working: routine and planned joint exercises and events with other enforcement bodies.	To deliver effective, ongoing enforcement outcomes with our partners (police forces, Metropolitan Marine Unit, Maritime and Coastguard, border and other agencies, local authorities and EA teams), through formal and informal arrangements and full participation in multi-agency operations.	To provide cost effective, integrated and meaningful enforcement for river users, the public and local communities.	25 joint patrols, operations and co-operative successes.
12	Intelligence led enforcement: increasing use of information and operational intelligence.	To further develop the effective capture, evaluation and dissemination of received information and intelligence. To deliver targeted 'intelligence led' enforcement with increasingly identifiable results from related exercises and regulatory activity.	To provide assurance for those customers passing us information and resulting targeted activity.	Intelligence process development and related successes.
13	'High profile' river events: operational attendance to protect the public and enforce relevant legislation.	To give valuable operational service at - especially "high visibility" or "prestigious" - events (e.g. Henley Royal Regatta, Reading Festival, Rewind and popular events). To actively control "river taxis" and other opportunist ventures, enforce legislation and actively protect public safety, operating with other agencies where it enhances our response.	To secure revenue, ensure public safety and target known and new areas of offending, whilst enhancing EA reputation at such events.	Attend at least 6 high profile events. Carry out identifiable enforcement and evaluate feedback.
14	Boat marking: advise on and encourage the correctly named marking of boats.	To actively advise and encourage boat owners to correctly mark boats with the registered name, as a positive action that assists our investigations and protects their interests (e.g. identification, returning lost or stolen boats, insurance claims, etc.).	The ability to properly identify boats, to the benefit of EA, other agencies and boat-owners themselves.	Patrol logs, investigation logs and customer feedback.

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15	Boat dimension measurement: checks to establish correctly declared details recorded.	To compare dimensions to those declared or recorded on the Navigation Licensing System, through planned, ad hoc and intelligence led enforcement activity, with appropriate responses to discrepancies.	To assure that the correct licensing revenue is collected and the accuracy of details held by us.	All referrals actioned, 2 exercises and results.
16	Identification and control of 'immediately hazardous boats'.	To act as a responsible navigation authority in safeguarding customers and staff by identifying hazardous boats and enforcing compliance against such boats.	To ensure public safety, through compliance with the law and guidelines.	Compliance of boats notified to us.
17	Fire investigations: delivery of good quality fire reports and actions.	To act as a professional partner to the Boat Safety Office (BSO), Fire Rescue Services (FRS) and others, investigating promptly and accurately reporting to required standards, considering navigation offences and flagging up appropriate safety concerns.	To provide timely, accurate and useful reports, performing our obligatory duty as the navigation authority.	All referrals investigated and reported to BSO/FRS.
18	Public slipways: targeting of offences and education of small boat users.	To act as a 'firm but fair' regulator, carrying out overt visits to public slipways, to educate users (especially those new or inexperienced) and target known, or new offender groups, for necessary enforcement. Joint agency exercises where desirable.	To evaluate and act on the education and enforcement requirements in this target sector.	4 planned 'risk based' or intelligence led slipway visits.
19	Increase awareness of waterways civil compliance and law enforcement activity.	To publicise enforcement achievements through boating and other media, contribute to joint agency and safety promotion events at key sites and deliver high impact "flag days" with the maximum number of patrols across the river delivering safety, enforcement or other messages.	To maintain public awareness as a deterrent to offending, a way of issuing safety advice and to reassure river users.	Publicising prosecutions and results. 6+ flag days and other high profile events.
20	Deliver increased numbers of cost effective, targeted river patrols.	To deliver a more visible, targeted and effective enforcement service, utilising Volunteer Boatmen (VBM) (supporting our commitment to using volunteers), late night patrols and other innovative patrol methods.	Delivery of more 'cost effective', responsive and visible enforcement.	Regular VBM use and 10 "atypical" patrols.

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