



## Kingston Maritime Volunteer Service 'Eyes along the River'

1. **Would you like to develop or improve your boat handling skills up to and including RYA Powerboat Level 2? And...**
2. **Are you prepared to commit to do two or three, four-hour shifts a month at weekends on river patrol in the service of your local community?**

The primary purpose of the new MVS unit in Kingston-upon-Thames will be to provide regular river patrols with uniformed volunteers on board the former Thames Police Launch 'Blue Light'. Specifically Kingston MVS will act as eyes along the river and provide a calming and reassuring presence for river users and people on the riverbank on busy weekends.



Figure 1 : 'Blue Light' in her last operational role for the Nottingham Police Service

If members of the unit on patrol observe a serious incident in progress, their first response will **always** be to ring 999 and ask for the appropriate emergency service. In the case of a person in difficulties in the water, this will be the London Fire Brigade, who will task the RNLI at Teddington, if necessary. Members will also log less serious incidents such as speeding and excessive wash and report these to the Harbourmaster. They will regularly talk to river users on the water and passers by on the riverbank, but not challenge or confront individuals.

Similarly in cases of anti-social behaviour, members of the unit will observe and report but not intervene.

### **Are you Interested?**

Come to the Kingston MVS Recruitment Evening on:  
**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2019, 19:30-21:30 hours** at Thames Sailing Club,  
Portsmouth Road, Surbiton KT6 4HH (free car parking)  
**OR** email [kingstonmvs@gmail.com](mailto:kingstonmvs@gmail.com)

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