

THAMES RIVER USERS GROUP 8 Bell Weir to Teddington Lock

You are invited to send representatives to attend the next meeting on Thursday 17th October 2019 at Thames Motor Yacht Club, Hampton Court Road, Hampton Court, KT8 9BW, starting at 20:00 hours

FINAL AGENDA

1. Welcome and Updates from Last Meeting 11-04-2019

- River safety – risk of drowning during heat waves, 999 calls to Fire Service, throw ropes v lifebelts, What3words
- Kingston MVS River Patrols
- Go Boats
- Unregistered hire/charter boats
- RUG 8 Secretary position

2. Local emergency services updates

- Surrey Police
- Metropolitan Police
- Surrey Fire and Rescue
- London Fire Brigade

3. Reach Coordinators' Reports

- Bell Weir to Chertsey – Bernard Hales
- Chertsey to Sunbury – Chris Murdoch
- Sunbury to Molesey – Jane Chambers
- Molesey to Teddington – John Adams

4. RUG 8 Chairman's Report

To be circulated

5. Environment Agency Thames Waterways Operational Report

Question and answer session with EA representatives including Barry Russell, Non-tidal Thames Harbour Master. A river user who lives in a houseboat which has grounded several times recently has posed the following question in advance:

- Why are you (the EA) allowing these unprecedented and unreasonable extraction rates by Thames Water, and will you please fulfil your responsibility and restrict the amount that TW takes, to ensure reasonable water levels are maintained?

6. Elmbridge Managed Mooring Scheme

Initial review of the pilot project introduced by Elmbridge for Cigarette Island and the Dittons Reaches and a discussion about the possibility of extending the scheme upstream to the Walton towpath.

7. Resolutions

RUG 8 members request that the EA:

- Introduces a managed mooring scheme similar to Elmbridge's pilot using DEL, or another suitable provider on all their 24-hour visitor moorings in RUG 8 and the ribbon of riverbank which they own between Molesey and Walton.
- Takes enforcement action including prosecutions against vessels who are not displaying a boat name as required by the IWO 2010 requirements for registering a vessel on the non-tidal Thames
- Runs an awareness campaign backed with enforcement aimed at vessels who maybe discharging raw sewage into the river in breach of Thames Byelaw 66d (1993)

Meeting Ends 22:00 hours (latest)

Chairman: Steve Collins

Secretary: vacancy