

SAILING DEMONSTRATION GUIDANCE

Kingston 2025 River Cultures Festival – Sailing

Saturday 6th September 2025

1. SAFETY

- 1.1 Participants shall comply with the provisions of The Thames Navigation Licensing and General Byelaws 1993 (the 'Thames Byelaws').
- 1.2 Each participant shall wear a personal flotation device except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 1.3 Boats shall be equipped with a paddle, or be otherwise capable of manual propulsion, and a painter of at least 2m.
- 1.4 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per incident or the equivalent.
- 1.5 Participants and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from event officials.

2. SCHEDULE

- 2.1 Boats shall move to the assembly area (see Appendix A) after the finish of the Pursuit Race at 1530.
- 2.2 At approximately 1545, the Thames A Rater with the lowest sail number shall be called forward towards the Race Box start line.
- 2.3 All boats should have cleared the course by 1615.

3. COURSE

- 3.1 The course is shown in Appendix A.

4. MARKS

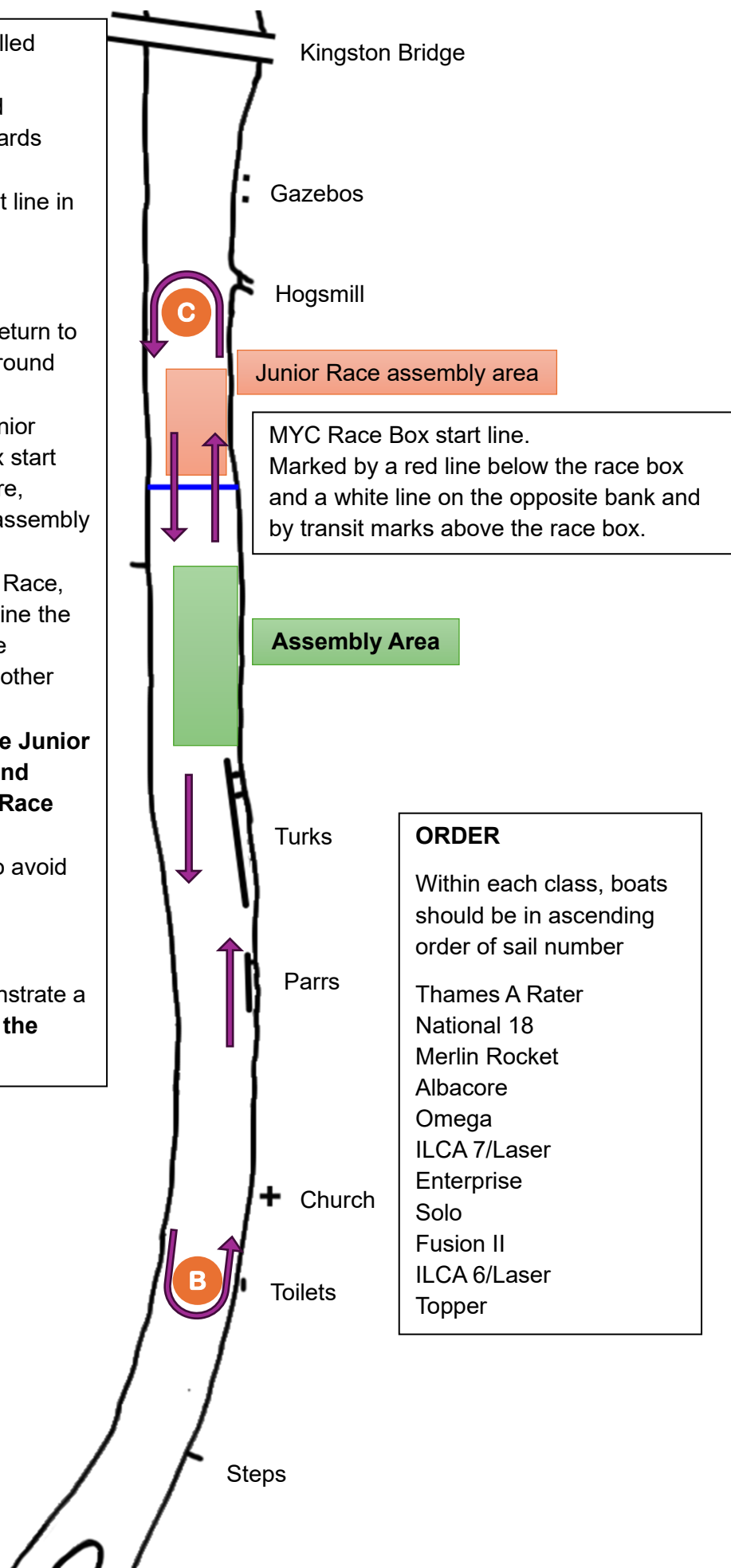
- 4.1 Marks are orange buoys with white letters. The approximate position of the marks is indicated in Appendix A.

5. RISK STATEMENT

- 5.1 By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury.

Appendix A

- Stay in the assembly area until called forward
- After the first boat has been called forward, proceed in single file towards mark C
- Boats shall move towards the start line in the order given below
- Go round mark C anti-clockwise
- Go round mark B anti-clockwise
- Unless hailed by a patrol boat to return to shore, cross the start line and go round mark C anti-clockwise
- If you are not taking part in the Junior Race, after crossing the Race Box start line for the final time return to shore, keeping clear of the Junior Race assembly area
- If you are taking part in the Junior Race, after crossing the Race Box start line the final time return to the Junior Race assembly area and **keep clear** of other boats
- **In order to prevent a delay to the Junior Race, all boats must listen for and follow any instruction from the Race Box or a patrol boat**
- You may overtake a boat ahead to avoid gaps in the procession
- Boats may leave the line to come alongside
- Boats may leave the line to demonstrate a capsize and recovery **only under the instruction of a patrol boat**



ORDER

Within each class, boats should be in ascending order of sail number

Thames A Rater
National 18
Merlin Rocket
Albacore
Omega
ILCA 7/Laser
Enterprise
Solo
Fusion II
ILCA 6/Laser
Topper