

**MS NOTE OF TWO MEETINGS**  
**HELD AT THE**  
**BRAY & WINDSOR MARINAS**  
**Riverside Brassiere Bray & Windsor Yacht Club**  
**ON FRIDAY 9 DECEMBER, 2011**  
**TO CONSIDER RIVER MANAGEMENT**  
**1000 – 1130 – Harbour Master Directions and Security**  
**1400–1530 – Update from September meeting**  
**DURING ETON/DORNEY LAKE OLYMPIC PERIOD 2012**

**PRESENT**

Nick McKie-Smith (Chair)	<b>NMS</b>	EA Waterways 2012 Project Manager
Phil Green	<b>PG</b>	EA Waterways 2012 Operations Planning
Sarah Russell	<b>SR</b>	Waterways 2012 Development Officer/ Communications.
Julia White	<b>JW</b>	Royal Borough W & M - <b>APOLOGIES</b>
Mike Gates	<b>MG</b>	MDL Area Manager
Trevor Barnes	<b>TB</b>	MDL Security Manager
Alison Madden	<b>AM</b>	Tingdene Marinas Ltd - <b>APOLOGIES</b>
John Turnbull	<b>JT</b>	Thames Valley Police – <b>NOT PRESENT</b>
Nick Elton	<b>NE</b>	Thames Valley Police
Kim Reed	<b>KR</b>	Thames Valley Police
Roger Flitter	<b>RF</b>	Passenger Boat Association ( <b>Morning only</b> )
Michael Shefras	<b>MS</b>	ATYC/RYA Thanmes /London & TUGn
Joss Carter	<b>JC</b>	LCOG – <b>PM Only</b>
Murray Smih	<b>MS</b>	LCOG - <b>PM Only</b>
Kevin Powell	<b>KP</b>	MDL Bray Marina Manager - ( <b>Morning only</b> )
Francdesca Broadbent	<b>FB</b>	Government Olympic Representative - <b>PM Only</b>

**OVERVIEW**

1. This meeting was to take forward the work from the meeting held in September.
- 1.1 The meetings were split into two with the specific navigation and river security issues at the morning meeting and the other updates with LCOG and Windsor present in the afternoon..
- 1.2 There was open discussion on all items noted below.
- 1.3 Both meetings chaired by Nick McKie-Smith EA Enforcement Team Leader and Olympic Lead for EA. at Dorney.

## MORNING MEETING

To consider:

**Harbour Master directions relating to navigation notice**

**Security arrangements and access to the river during the Olympic Period**

### 1 HARBOUR MASTER DIRECTIONS RELATING TO NAVIGATION NOTICE – Led by Phil Green – EA Officer responsible for management on the water.

#### 1.1 Exclusion Zone from Boveney above upriver lay-bye to top of Queen’s Eyot.

a.	Five metre wide exclusion zones from the north bank.
b.	Outer edge to be delineated by a row of buoys.

#### 1.2 Canoe Practice Course

a.	Two 9 mtr wide lanes to allow two canoes to practise two abreast at the same time - total width 18 mtrs.
b.	Discussions continue on how to delineate the outer line of the course <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Easier and less expensive a row of marker buoys</li> <li>ii. More expensive, but preferred, to avoid any wash, piles and floating beams.</li> <li>iii. It is also suggested that floating beams are better for security?</li> </ul>
c.	MS Commented that at approximately 3 knots there is not going to be a lot of wash or draw.

#### 1.3 Pedestrian Bridge

a.	Work has or is about to commence on the foundations for this Bridge which is to be a temporary structure and will be removed after the event which is above Boveney Lock  (Despite local people suggesting it would be a good legacy it is understood that Eton College are not comfortable with any foot path crossing their land after the Olympics.)
b.	It is understood that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The headroom marginally higher at Eton Bridge at its highest point</li> <li>ii. There will be a completely flat span of approximately 15m.</li> <li>iii. The bridge will be 10m wide</li> </ul>

#### 1.4 EA River Control

## TUGn Reference 1124

a.	There will be restrictions on speed between Boveney and Bray
b.	There will be <u>No Mooring</u> other than already organised by those living or working on the reach.
c.	There will be no entry into the exclusion zone inside the canoe practise course
d.	"Three EA patrol boats will be in the area during the games period, more detail to follow"  (Should there be inclement weather racing could continue into the afternoon or on extra days.)
e.	There will be no stopping or anchoring and boats must maintain way.
d.	Boat traffic is not expected to be huge, but common sense will apply should it be necessary to cross over navigation channels.
e.	It is expected that the navigation channel will be about the same as the Desborough Cut

### 1.5 Logistics

a.	EA Ops Delivery have already cut back overhanging trees (Legacy)
b.	Ops Delivery will be re-profiling the port side channel where there are shallows (South Bank)
c.	Passage in and out of Bray Marina will be covered outside the meeting with all boats mooring advised

### 1.6 HARBOUR MASTER NOTICE

a.	<b>Suggested published first week April</b>  <b>i. Will be on EA Visit Thames</b>  <b>ii. ATYC will promulgate with their monthly "Notice Board" from March.</b>  <b>iii. All members of WWG will be advised</b>
b.	<b>There will not be much to see other than the canoe practise and it is hoped that EA Patrols will be able to provide a relaxed control</b>
c.	<b>Boats must not be overloaded – whilst there is a maximum of 12 on any boat smaller boats must not have as many passengers and as at Henley EA Patrols will be looking out for this.</b>

### 1.7 COMMUNICATION

a..	<b>EA and Marina working channel appears to be VHF 74</b>
b.	<b>Many boats use mobile telephones and appropriate numbers will be promulgated.</b>
c.	<b>EA will have contingency plans.</b>

## 2. SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AND ACCESS TO THE RIVER DURING THE OLYMPIC PERIOD

- 2.1 MDL has contingency plans to get their staff into and out of the marina during the event.
- 2.2 MDL hire boat fleet will not be in use during the Olympic period.
- 2.3 There will be no moorings on Lock Lay-byes and there will be heavy security at Boveney and Bray locks.
- 2.4 As of 1 January there will be 12 Thames Valley special constables on duty managed by a sergeant and one full time constable. They will make themselves known to those working or living on the reach.

**AFTERNOON MEETING**

**3. INTRODUCTION BY NICK McKIE-SMITH**

- 3.1 NMS welcomed Ms Franky Broadbent Government Olympic representative and Joss and Murray from LOCOG.
- 3.2 The agenda for the afternoon was

UPDATES

- a. Environment Agency Updates
- b. Thames Valley Police
- c. LOCOG (security, transport and access)
- d. Trade
- e. RBWM
- f. Others

COMMUNICATIONS

FUTURE MEETINGS

AOB

**4. UPDATES -**

**4.1 EA - Nick McKie-Smith**

a.	Work continues on cutting back tree overgrowth and bottom re-profiling
b.	Foundations of bridge commencing leading to a half day closure when the span is lifted into position early in 2012
c.	EA are conscious of the visual look – Officers will again have their rank on their shirt epaulettes.
d.	EA is looking at ways to speed up the turn around of visitor registrations at entry point locks during this period.
e.	Based on CEVNI suitable signs during the Olympics will be installed to give the Olympic feel between Boveney and Bray

f.	There will be trained staff at Boveney and Bray as well as any volunteer actually signed off at that lock to provide continual service.
g.	There have been national meetings considering emergency procedures and resilience with the EA dynamic at each sites where EA are involved.

**4.2 THAMES VALLEY POLICE - John Turnbull**

a.	There will be a program to familiarise PSOs on boats
b.	There have been table top exercises to prove command and strategic issues
c.	The tactical HQ will be at Taplow
d.	There are no live plans to prove resilience
e.	There have been exercises should there be a passenger boat sinking
f.	The planning team is to be increased from January 2012 and neighbourhood watch will be increased by a Sgt, Constable and 12 specials.
g.	Work is now to commence on day to day planning

**4.2.1 THAMES VALLEY POLICE SECURITY - Kim Reed**

a.	The site covers six neighbourhood areas which will be amalgamated into one complete area for the Olympics. This is a joint operation involving 3 Police Commanders.
b.	Work will continue in identifying what crimes actually take place on the river which is not apparent under the current intelligence information collection.  <b>(MS Note: Perhaps this will lead to a legacy for the future – RUG’s above Staines should talk with their local police Commander’s which we did with the Surrey Police covering RUG8)</b>
c.	The programs known a Kraken by other forces will be under the banner of Griffin which was a program covering all crime whereas Kraken was specifically built on marine intelligence commencing some years ago in Hamble. A program is being developed to see what is current and what will be Olympic crime.
d.	Largest problem at the moment is metal theft.
e.	A huge effort will be to control ticket touts.
f.	Boaters are being asked to help garnering intelligence with ATYC and RUGs being asked to promulgate the request.
g.	There will be security both at Boveney and Bray

**4.3 LOCOG (security, transport and access)**

<p><b>a.</b></p>	<p><b>TRANSPORT - Murray</b></p> <p>i. From 16 January all businesses and houses around the Olympic site will be advised of road closures, traffic plans and parking restrictions</p> <p>ii. Arrangements have now been confirmed where the car parking will be to change for the the buses to the Windsor Race Course</p> <p>Slough Upton Court</p> <p>Windsor Great Park</p> <p>Stafford Way, Nr Maidenhead</p> <p>iii. The coaches will work from 0600 and until three hours after racing finishes whatever that time might be.</p> <p>iv. There will be a bus from Eton/Windsor stations to the Coach park in Windsor Race Course</p> <p>v. There will be a French Bro ferry from their moorings to the Race Course pontoon which means a walk to the bridge across the race course. Cost circa £6. (There is no intention to have a pontoon in the weir pool below Boveney which pleased the EA.).</p> <p>vi. There is a shortage of accommodation for staff working in the Olympic site.</p>
<p><b>b.</b></p>	<p><b>Security and Access – Joss</b></p> <p>a. The sport will decide what type of barrier between the navigation channel and the canoe course – might be dependent upon budget..</p> <p>b. It is probable that there will be a heli-port both inside and outside the security areas.</p> <p>c. Work continues with Marina management concerning boaters’ access to their boats.</p>
<p><b>c.</b></p>	<p><b>Comment from Franky Broadbent</b></p> <p><b>a.</b> Sitting on various advisory committees for Olympic sites in the outer London area she felt that it was important that she learnt what was happening around the Dorney site.</p> <p><b>b.</b> She assured Nick that she was comfortable from what he had heard.</p>

**4.4 There was no-one from RBWM and there was no other comments.**

**5. COMUNICATIONS**

5.1 FAQ's have been added to the Visit Thames webpage at: [http://www.visitthames.co.uk/text/3668/boating\\_during\\_the\\_olympics\\_faqs.html](http://www.visitthames.co.uk/text/3668/boating_during_the_olympics_faqs.html).

- 5.2 The above web address has been promoted in the newsletter which accompanied the EA craft registration renewals which were sent recently"
- 5.3 By the Harbour Master General Directions which will be widely distributed and at both locks.
- 5.4 The map used will be improved and probably put on the reverse of the HM Directions
- 5.5 EA will also have a Press Pack with the full story
- 5.6 After consideration it was felt that the HM Direction should be published 1<sup>st</sup> April.
- 5.7 Colin Law, a Windsor Yacht Club member who had hosted the meeting asked if he could ask a question and of course he was welcomed to make comment. His question was how the boaters would be advised. He also questioned the speed restrictions as some of his member's boat are hard to handle at low speeds. He suggested boaters in his club were never advised!.

a.	MS responded advising that ATYC publish a monthly "Notice Board" A4 page which gives all the clubs the latest advice on what is happening on the river.
b.	Additionally all the information is expanded on the ATYC Web Page updated daily which we ask clubs to put on their notice boards.
c.	MS would also remind club officers through ATYC communication channels that it is important that what ATYC distribute to the clubs does percolate down to the club individual members.
d..	Phil Green suggested that those twin screw boats that cruise Henley during the Music Festival had no problem in slowing down during the Music performances?
e.	It was also advised that the slow speed was only for a very small period and there will be the Harbour Master Direction widely distributed.

- 5.8 MS would copy his notes to TUGn, RUG and RTS Chairs so that they are advised.
- 5.10 In response to Nick Elton (TV Police) the announcement requesting assistance from the boater leading up to the Olympics will be published February with the ATYC Notice Board information and an invitation was given to Kim Reed to address the ATYC AGM on 21 March, 2012 in Windsor Yacht Club. Distribution any earlier it would be information lost before the season starts.

**6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- 6.1 There was discussion on where the Olympic Torch would hit the river and whilst it had been announced in Thames Guardian it was not actually confirmed.

**MICHAEL SHEFRAS – 1200 – 13 December, 2011**