



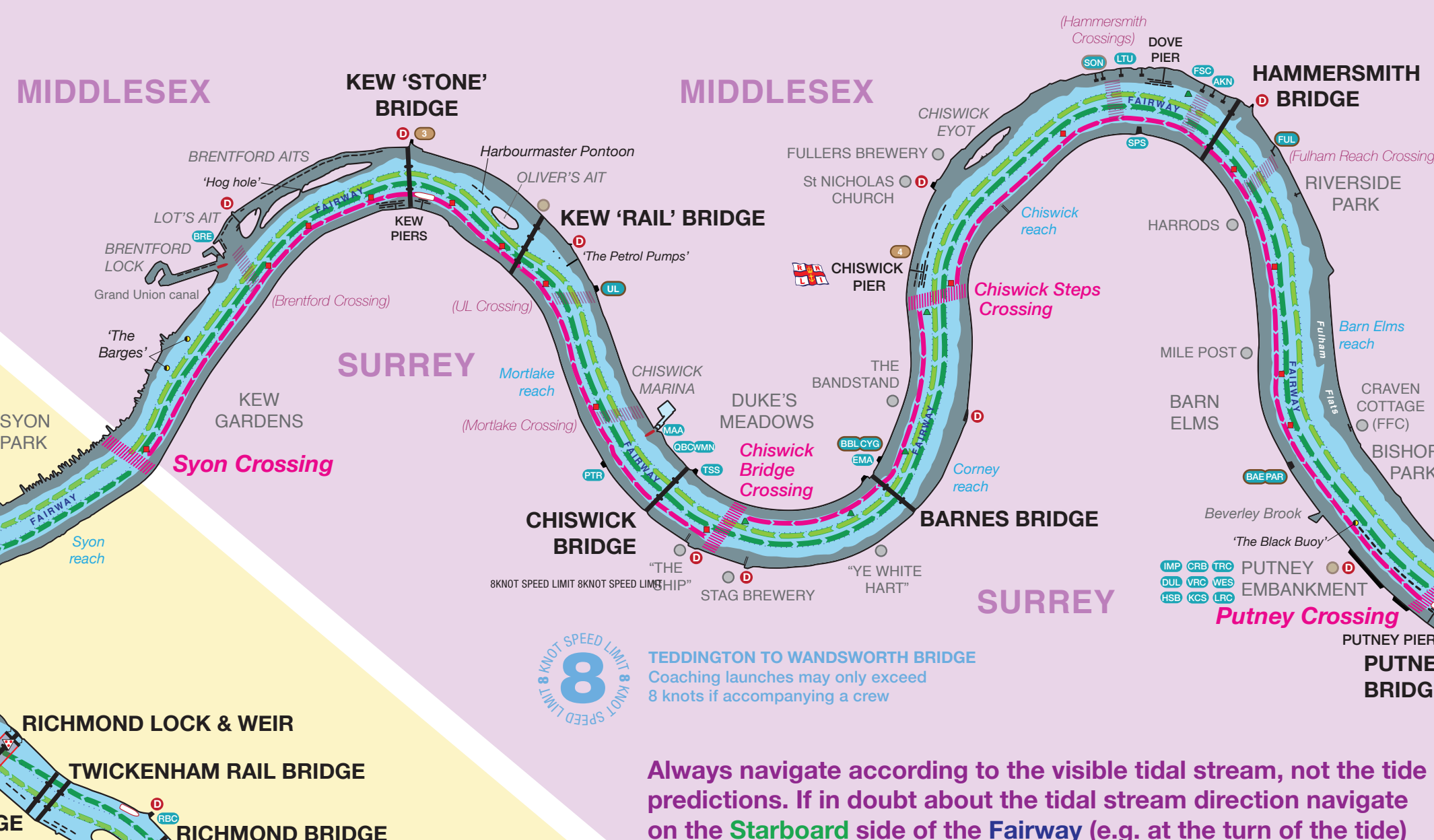
Upper Tideway Code Area (Special navigation rules)

With the tidal stream:

- **Outbound on the EBB** – stay in the **Fairway** on the **Starboard** (right-hand/bow) side
- **Inbound on the FLOOD** – stay in the **Fairway** on the **Starboard** (right-hand/bow) side
- //// In the **Fairway**, do not stop in a **Crossing Zone**. Only boats waiting to cross the **Fairway** should stop near a crossing

Against either tidal stream (working the slacks):

-  Use the **Inshore Zone** staying as close to the bank as is safe and inside any navigation buoys
-  Only cross the river at the designated **Crossing Zones**
-  Or at a *Local Crossing* if you are returning to a boat house on the opposite bank to the **Inshore Zone**



Always navigate according to the visible tidal stream, not the tide predictions. If in doubt about the tidal stream direction navigate on the **Starboard side of the **Fairway** (e.g. at the turn of the tide)**

Col Regs (Starboard navigation rule)

Regardless of the tidal stream:

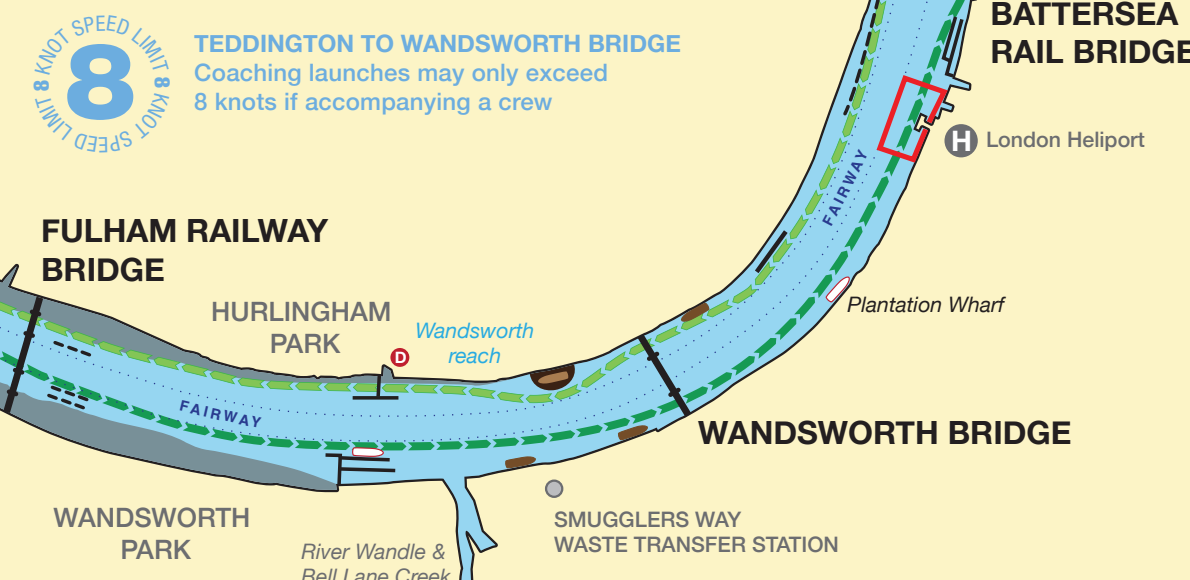
- ➔ **Outbound** or ➔ **Inbound** stay as close to the Starboard (right-hand/bow side) bank as is safe and out of the **Fairway** where possible. Go inside/under piers where water levels allow and it is safe to do so

All small boats must inform London VTS if they are afloat below Wandsworth Bridge after dark

All small boats are advised to inform London VTS before navigating below Wandsworth Bridge during daylight hours

→ All rowing outings below Wandsworth Bridge must be pre-approved by the club Safety Advisor and rowers *must* avoid outings below Fulham Railway Bridge 3 hrs before and 2 hrs after high tide due to barge traffic movements

tidepredictions.pla.co.uk/



All small boats *must* inform London VTS before navigating below Chelsea Bridge

KEY

-  Port navigation buoy
-  Starboard navigation buoy
-  Passenger vessel stop
-  Commercial freight berth
-  Vessels entering the river
-  Thames Tunnel site
-  Draw dock
-  Sailing Club
-  Lifeboat station
-  Closed arch
-  Exclusion zone

Everywhere along the tidal Thames always
KEEP A GOOD LOOKOUT
by sight and by sound, in front and behind

Large motor vessels have Right of Way over small boats which should always allow them space in the Fairway/ deep water channel

All boats in the Fairway have Right of Way and overtaking boats must give way or wait until it is clear

Never cross in front of a boat in the **Fairway**, even in a **Crossing Zone**

Do not stop, turn, cross, overtake or do slow-moving exercises within 75m of any bridges

Do not spread out across the channel

PRINCIPAL BOATHOUSES: **Rowing/Paddling** (not all clubs are listed)

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| 1 | Thames Young Mariners YC | LTU | Latymer Upper School |
| TWK | Twickenham/EPIC SUP | SPS | St. Paul's School |
| 2 | Richmond Canoe Club | FSC | Furnivall |
| RBC | Richmond Boat Club | AKN | Auriol Kensington |
| 3 | EDGE Canoe Club/Active360 SUP
Chelsea Kayak Club | FUL | Fulham Reach/Blades Canoe Club |
| UL | University of London (incl. colleges)
Outrigers & Dragon boats | BAE PAR | Barn Elms/Parrs Priory
Putney Bridge/Battersea Canoe |
| PTR | Putney Town | IMP | Imperial College |
| MAA | Mortlake Anglian & Alpha | TRCHSB | Thames/HSBC |
| BCQWMN | Quintin/Westminster Uni. | VRC | Vesta |
| TSS | Tideway Scullers School | WES | Westminster School |
| BRE | Brentford / Brentford Masters | CRB | Crabtree |
| EMA | Emanuel School | DUL | Dulwich College |
| BBLCYG | BBLRC/Cygnets/Civil Service Canoe club | KCS | Kings College School |
| 4 | Chiswick Pier Canoe Club | LRC | London |
| SON | Sons of the Thames | 5 | Kavaking London/EPIC CIC |

EMERGENCIES

Always carry a mobile phone (in a buoyant water-proof case) for emergency use
If life-threatening, immediately call **999 or 112** and ask for the **Coastguard** who will send the appropriate assistance. Be prepared to give your name, location and the nature of the emergency

INCIDENTS

For non-emergencies and near misses call **London VTS** on **0203 2607711** or **VHF ch14** or use the smart phone app >



FURTHER INFORMATION

All rowers and paddlers navigating on the tidal Thames *must* be fully conversant with **The Tideway Code**. Also see:

- www.activethames.co.uk
- PLA Tidal Thames – *smartphone app*
- **Recreational Users' Guide** – *leaflet*