



RIVER THAMES TIDEWAY CRUISE - MAY 2022

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Dear Cavalcade Boater,

1. There's always good reasons to cruise the tidal Thames and 2022 has several. It's the 10th anniversary of the formation of Cotswold Canals Cruising Club, whose idea this is, and also ten years since the River Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant, of which we have fond and strong memories.

2. Next year there are favourable daylight tides on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th May, the weekend following Cavalcade, which allows for a cruise from Limehouse Basin, through the Thames Barrier to Margaretness on the ebbing tide. On the first of the flood, we can retrace our route, pass Limehouse, and continue upriver to Brentford and Teddington.

3. In outline, we will be welcome in CA House, home of the Cruising Association, adjacent to Limehouse Lock, for the mandatory safety brief at 1900 hours on Friday 6th May. This is followed by a communal supper and drinks, which is always a jolly occasion.

4. On Saturday 7th May, weather permitting, we'll go boating in convoy, keeping Sunday 8th May as a back up if necessary. For those who don't want to pass through the Barrier, there's the opportunity to join the convoy as we pass Limehouse for the inbound transit. The approximate timings and routine for the day are:

Outbound

- a. Last locking departs Limehouse no later than 1000 hours.
- b. Transit time to the Barrier is 1 hour and 15 minutes, and 5.5 miles.
- c. Transit time from the Barrier to Margaretness is 30 minutes, and 2.5 miles.
- d. Stem the last of the ebb at Margaretness for between 30 and 60 minutes.
- e. Low water at 1200 hrs.

Inbound

- e. Transit time from Margaretness to Limehouse is 2 hours 30 minutes, and 8 miles.
- f. Transit time from Limehouse to Brentford is 2 hours 30 minutes, and 16 miles.
- g. Transit time from Brentford to Teddington is 1 hour, and 4 miles.
- h. High water Brentford and Teddington is at 1930 hours.

5. If you'd like to register an expression of interest in joining the cruise, please email or telephone, using the contact details above, by Monday 31st January 2022, so we can begin the detailed planning. Please include your boat name, length and beam. We're also available to answer any questions about the cruise.

6. The Port of London Authority (PLA) host a website for recreational boaters which can be found here: <https://boatingonthethames.co.uk/>. This includes an interactive map so you can trace the route of the cruise. They also operate the Tidal Thames Navigators Club, a free to join club which provides up to date information and some very useful freebies. For smartphone users there's also the free PLA app found here: <https://boatingonthethames.co.uk/pla-tidal-thames-app-boating-on-the-thames-port-of-london-authority/>.

Kind regards,
Frances & Andrew