

# What Now, Skipper?



## WHAT TO DO?

- ❖ If you see a group of sailing boats or rowers, please maintain a steady course at moderate speed, on the right hand side of the channel.
- ❖ Sailing boats are very manoeuvrable and will usually keep out of your way; but some will be novices.
- ❖ Rowing boats are much less agile and have a poor lookout, just slow down and keep well clear.
- ❖ Lookout may be restricted by sails or other boats, so be prepared to make your presence known by a call or toot on your horn.
- ❖ Sailing dinghies may tack back and forth across the river. They are not being awkward, it is the only way they can go upwind.
- ❖ Orange buoys mark the racing course and dinghies may alter or reverse their path.

**The Thames** between Cookham Lock and Temple is the busiest stretch of the river. There are three sailing clubs, rowing clubs, Longridge and Bisham Abbey Sailing schools, Bourne End Marina, and the National Sports Centre with canoes and kayaks at all levels including Olympic teams.

There are novices and experts, in all types of craft. Everyone is here to enjoy the day.

## Right of Way

There are no hard and fast rules with this level of traffic. It is every helm's responsibility to avoid collision. Be prepared to stop if necessary. Keep to the right of the channel.

## Look Out

Keep a good look out at all times!

## Cookham Reach SC Course

If orange buoys are laid, dinghies are racing, or sailors are under training.

Sailing takes place at weekends April / December and some weekdays.

Open Day: May 19<sup>th</sup> 2012

Open Meetings:

Cookham Rotary Regatta  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in September

