



**CONSERVATORS OF THE RIVER CAM  
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## **INFORMATION SHEET FOR BOATERS 2020/21**

### **1. Byelaws**

There are byelaws which apply to all vessels on Conservancy waters (i.e. between Bottisham Lock and the Mill Pond). Masters of vessels are recommended to familiarise themselves with the Byelaws which can be found on the Conservancy website.

### **2. Registration**

No vessel may navigate above Bottisham Lock unless registered with the Conservancy. For details, please see the Conditions of Registration on the Conservancy website. Please note that Gold Licences are not valid on Conservancy waters and vessels with Gold Licences must be separately registered with the Conservancy.

### **3. Moorings**

Mooring is prohibited in certain areas for navigational reasons. In addition, the City Council has designated areas on Stourbridge and Midsummer Commons, Jesus Green and on Riverside, for permanent moorings. Details of the zones where mooring is permitted or prohibited by the Conservators are set out in the Mooring Policy which may be found on the Conservancy website.

Mooring is not permitted within 36 metres of any lock (save for vessels using the lock), or any sluice, weir or water intake.

There are Conservancy 48-hour visitors' moorings upstream of the bridge at Clayhithe and Cambridge City Council 48-hour moorings at Jubilee Gardens downstream of Jesus Lock, and upstream of the Fort St George Bridge (narrow-beam vessels only) on Midsummer Common in Cambridge.

### **4. Events and navigational restrictions**

At certain times, approved events take place on the navigation and masters of vessels must obey the instructions of event marshals. It is a byelaw offence to interfere with any of these events. A calendar of events is published on the Conservancy noticeboards and on the Conservancy website. It is the responsibility of users of the navigation to plan their movements around these events.

Suspensions (closures) of navigation are advertised a minimum of 14 days in advance in the local press, on Conservancy notice boards and on the Conservancy website. Emergency closures may occur without notice. The Conservancy reserves the right to move any vessel which is obstructing river maintenance or dredging works following service of notice upon that vessel.

Use of Jesus Lock is by appointment only, there is a seasonal prohibition on powered craft navigating above Jesus Lock to the head of navigation (i.e. the College Backs) from 1 April to 30 September inclusive.

Night navigation is permitted at own risk. Vessels must carry appropriate lights.

## **5. Sewage, litter and water**

The discharge of sewage or effluent or the discarding of litter into the river are byelaw offences. A sanitary station is provided by Cambridge City Council below Jesus Lock.

A water point is provided by Cambridge City Council below Jesus Lock and at the upstream end of Stourbridge Common.

## **6. Breaches of the Byelaws**

A breach of the Byelaws is a criminal offence for which you may be prosecuted by the Conservators. Conviction will result in a fine and a criminal record.

In addition, where registration fees are not paid, or other money is owing to the Conservators, debt collectors may be instructed to recover the money owing. Civil proceedings may also be brought in which case the Conservancy will seek to recover the legal costs as well as the outstanding debt.