

Olympic and Paralympic Games



# LONDON 2012



These agencies are working together to ensure all recreational users navigating the Thames and Medway in 2012, experience a safe and enjoyable Olympics.

## An Important Message for Visiting Recreational Boaters

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*The Olympic Games will attract millions of visitors to the UK. If you are planning to travel to the Thames in your own boat for the summer of 2012 you must make sure you have pre-booked and confirmed a mooring before you begin your journey.*

*Mooring and boating facilities are very limited in ports, marinas and inland waterways on or near the River Thames. If you arrive without a pre-booked mooring you will not have access to suitable berthing and mooring facilities.*



## Recreational vessels travelling to the Thames Estuary in the summer of 2012

The Thames Estuary supports some of the UK's major ports and is a very busy area for commercial shipping and cannot accommodate significant numbers of unplanned recreational vessel arrivals during the summer of 2012.

It is even possible that you will be asked to leave the area for your own safety, that of other recreational users and the safety of commercial shipping. **Please PLAN AHEAD – Book early and enjoy the Olympic Games in 2012!**

### More Details:

River Thames	Harbour Master (North Sea to Dagenham)	Tel: 01474 562212
River Medway	Harbour Master	Tel: 01795 596548

## Moorings on the tidal Thames

Whilst the Port of London Authority intends to licence commercial operators to provide some additional moorings in the tideway, there will not be enough to meet the likely demand over the summer of 2012. Leisure vessel moorings on the tidal Thames are few, and those that do exist are spread far apart up and down the River. They are largely confined to the marinas and yacht clubs as shown on the leisure map on the website [www.boatingonthethames.co.uk](http://www.boatingonthethames.co.uk)

As the most congested waterway in the UK, with tidal streams up to 4 knots in places and a tidal rise and fall of over 7 metres, the tidal Thames is no place to be without suitable moorings.

If you do arrange moorings in 2012, in view of the tidal conditions on the Thames, recreational vessels are advised not to use their own tenders, but instead to make use of the water-taxi services that should be available in most places. Where no water-taxi exists, crews are advised to remain aboard as river conditions are unlikely to be safe for the operation of small and fully laden tenders; and in any event, secure stowage for tenders is highly unlikely once crews are ashore.

### More Details:

River Thames	Harbour Master (Dagenham to Teddington)	Tel: 0207 743 7912
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**For available moorings visit**

**[www.boatingonthethames.co.uk](http://www.boatingonthethames.co.uk)**

**For general information visit [www.pla.co.uk](http://www.pla.co.uk)**