

## MAY BUMPING RACES

Friday 6 June  
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Weds 11 June – Sat 14 June

River users are advised that the 2008 May Bumps will be taking place on the river Cam as follows:

Friday 6 June: one division only, starting at 17.30 hr

Wednesday 11 June to Friday 13 June: divisions leaving Baits Bite at 13:00 hr, 13:45 hr, 14:30 hr, 15:15 hr, 16:45 hr, 17:30 hr, 18:15 hr, 19.00 hr, 19:45 hr

Saturday 14 June: divisions leaving Baits Bite at 11:00 hr, 11:45 hr, 12:30 hr, 13:15 hr, 14:45 hr, 15:30 hr, 16:15 hr, 17.00 hr, 17:45 hr

All races will take place between Baits Bite Lock and Chesterton (i.e. crews will be racing upstream).

Vessels may navigate between these divisions upon the instruction of the race marshals only. If in doubt, contact one of the marshals positioned on the towpath or at the station at the Penny Ferry, Chesterton. In the event of an emergency incident, telephone the Conservancy office 9am to 5pm (01223 863785) or River Foreman out of office hours (07802 862711).

Thank you for your cooperation.

River Manager  
Conservators of the River Cam

Next Cam Conservators meeting:  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2008, Guildhall Hall, Cambridge



### Dear All

The season of good weather and cruising is well and truly upon us, so are many events which will be fun for many and consternation for some. Don't forget to be extra vigilant and stow away any items or valuables which can be stolen or thrown in the river. If you witness any unsavoury incidents, it is advised not to get involved, take a photograph and call the police.

**Camboaters Committee Meeting** – 6:00pm, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June, being held on Tjoba - ZZ11 on Stourbridge Common.

**Camboaters Barbeque** – 7:00pm onwards, Weds 11<sup>th</sup> June, same location as above. Bring food, tittle and music. Fire, air and water provided.

### Midsummer Fair & Market - Midsummer Common June 18th - 23rd

Midsummer Fair has been visiting Cambridge's Midsummer Common for over 800 years making it the country's oldest travelling fun fair. As well as being one of the oldest, it is also the largest, with all the rides associated with the traditional fun fair and the very best in white-knuckle rides for 2008.

Andy has set up a **discount scheme for Camboaters** with A.S.A.P Supplies Ltd. Visit <http://www.asap-supplies.com/>  
Our customer number is 85BI101 and the discount code is IBDY.

Camboaters members can call quoting the above numbers to receive their discount . Give your full name, address and telephone number and you will also need to quote your mooring policy number. Phone 0845 1300 870 for a free catalogue.

**Found floating down the river:** One porta potti cassette full of 5h1t, if this once belongs to you it still does, you are very welcome to come and collect it! Fishing it out of the river was not much fun at all. It is now languishing on my deck, the log number is 165.

## SOUND SIGNALS

This is a reminder to navigators about standard sound signals which can be used, and may be heard, on the River Cam (in accordance with international collision avoidance regulations).

■ One short blast\*: I am altering my course to STARBOARD (to the right)

■■ Two short blasts: I am altering my course to PORT (to the left)

■■■ Three short blasts: My engines are going ASTERN (reversing)

■■■■ — Four short blasts, one long blast \*\*: I am turning around with my bow swinging to STARBOARD (to the right, clockwise turn)

■■■■ — — Four short blasts, two long blasts \*: I am turning around with my bow swinging to PORT (to the left, anticlockwise turn)

■■■■■ Five blasts: your intentions aren't clear (what are you doing?)

\* a short blast is about one second's duration

\*\* a prolonged blast lasts from 4 to 6 seconds duration

There is a reticence for people to use their bicycle bells for fear of receiving an unwelcome reaction on behalf of the recipient. On the river, with greater distances involved and more background noise, the chances of your voice being heard is diluted significantly. So, do not be afraid to use your horn! If you don't have one, why not buy a portable air-horn, available from chandleries for around £12 apiece, or a whistle. Either would be more effective than shouting, which can be misinterpreted as an aggressive action.

The last **Camboaters Committee** meeting generated lively debate regarding Pete Convey's vitriolic letter to the Cam Con and more importantly the issue of dumping effluent into the river Cam, I have been asked to remind you it is illegal!

I guess conflict of interest on the river will rumble on for quite some time to come, however we need to stay involved and maintain a proactive approach to solve problems as they arise.

The Camboaters Committee continue to fight your corner even if it appears as though we don't achieve much. Here are a few actions resulting from previous meetings.

- 1) Write letter to CRA and CUCBC re Pete Convey's rantings
- 2) Liase with Ruthie about putting a Camboaters poster saying who we are and what we do at the Nautical but Nice exhibition
- 3) Arrange a meeting with Julie Smith and Ian Nimmo-Smith re waiting lists and future fee structure
- 4) Write letter to Conservators re noise from rowers and wash from speeding boats along Stourbridge.
- 5) Find out if there is a novice cox's meeting in Michaelmas term so we can educate them on boater's needs.
- 6) Investigate the cost of installing mooring rings
- 7) Cutting back of trees to improve navigation
- 8) Create a cohesive community spirit by organising social events and dispelling the negative myths of others
- 9) Boats in Bloom - a great idea by Nick on Stourbridge. Want to know more? Get in touch...

Your suggestions and ideas are always welcome, without you we would we have no community. Contact: [committee@camboaters.co.uk](mailto:committee@camboaters.co.uk)

Be safe on the water - Luther