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### Boat owners fight ban on mooring

A campaign has been stepped up to reverse a ban on houseboats mooring on a river for seven months of each year.



The boats will have to move between October and March

In July, Cambridge's navigation authority banned mooring on Midsummer Common between October and April to reduce congestion on the River Cam.

Boat owners claim the changes encourage university rowers at the expense of other river users.

The owners have launched a petition and are sending leaflets to local homes in a bid to overturn the ban.

The Conservators of the River Cam want the ban to ease congestion on the Midsummer stretch of the river.

A report produced by them suggests a rowing eight cannot pass safely, as at times they need a width of water of up to eight metres.

But users of the Midsummer moorings claim the authority has not provided enough new moorings to allow all of them to remain in the city.

The boat owners are holding an open boat day in August to promote their campaign.



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