



## TMBA River Etiquette For Boaters

- ✓ DO help to make the river an enjoyable and pleasant place to be.
- ✓ DO move up as far as possible in locks and waiting areas.
- ✓ DO be prepared to let other boats moor alongside you in busy locations whenever possible and do so as a matter of course if travelling in company.
- ✓ DO be courteous to other river users and to lock staff - treat others as you would like to be treated yourself.
- ✓ DO slow down when passing moored craft.
- ✓ DO turn off engines when in locks
- ✓ DO leave lock gates and sluices set as per pedestal instructions after using locks on self-service.
- ✓ DO check and wait for other boats in sight to arrive before closing lock gates when locks on self-service.
- ✓ DO stay alert and watchful when using locks whether manned or on self-service.
- ✓ DO assist others whenever possible - remember others - particularly holiday craft - may not be as used to using the river as you are.
- ✓ DO keep a good lookout for other boats, particularly small craft, rowers and swimmers.
- ✓ DO bin litter responsibly or take it away with you.
- ✗ DON'T exceed the speed limit or create excessive wash - "LOOK BEHIND YOU".
- ✗ DON'T leave large spaces at mooring sites. Be prepared to move to make better use of space when other boats arrive or leave.
- ✗ DON'T create a nuisance with loud music or other noise such as prolonged running of engines or generators.

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