



CONSERVATORS OF THE RIVER CAM

Navigation authority for the River Cam, between Cambridge and Bottisham Lock

Temporary navigational restriction on commercial punts during 'The May Balls' 2026

Subject to byelaw 3 relating to the 'Control of Traffic on The River':

On Monday 22nd June 2026 the 160th Trinity May Ball is taking place, with St John's May Ball on Tuesday 23rd June 2026. Historically this has led to the river becoming very congested with punts. Some punters have been under the influence of alcohol. Punters are keen to observe the fireworks display, in particular.

In order to relieve congestion and to mitigate attendant risks a temporary restriction will be put in place on The River Cam between Garret Hostel Lane and The Bridge of Sighs, from 1900hrs -2300hrs on both days.

Between these time frames and locations commercial punts will only be operated by respective punt company chauffeurs, who are sober, and not by private individuals hiring and manoeuvring punts themselves.

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