



WARGRAVE BOATING CLUB

A GUIDE FOR DUTY MEMBERS

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1. Boating Area Maps

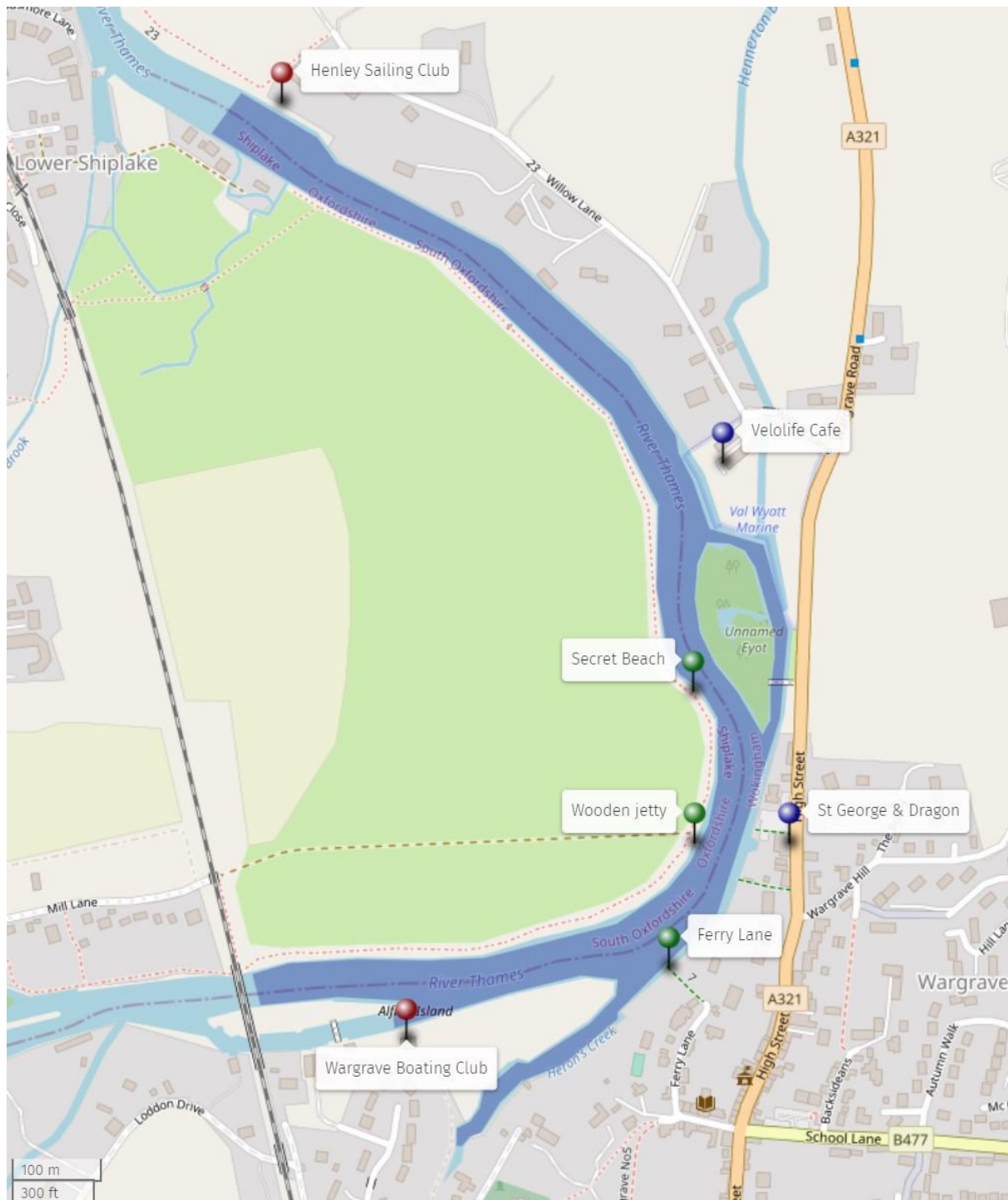
For General Boating sessions all boats are expected to stay within the General Boating area, marked in blue in the map below.



It is possible to take boats further afield if the Duty Member agrees, in which case the sign-out sheet should be used to specify whether the boat will be taken North towards the Hennerton Backwater loop (in red) or South beyond Shiplake Lock towards the St Patrick's Stream Loop (in yellow). Detailed maps of these three areas are on the following pages.

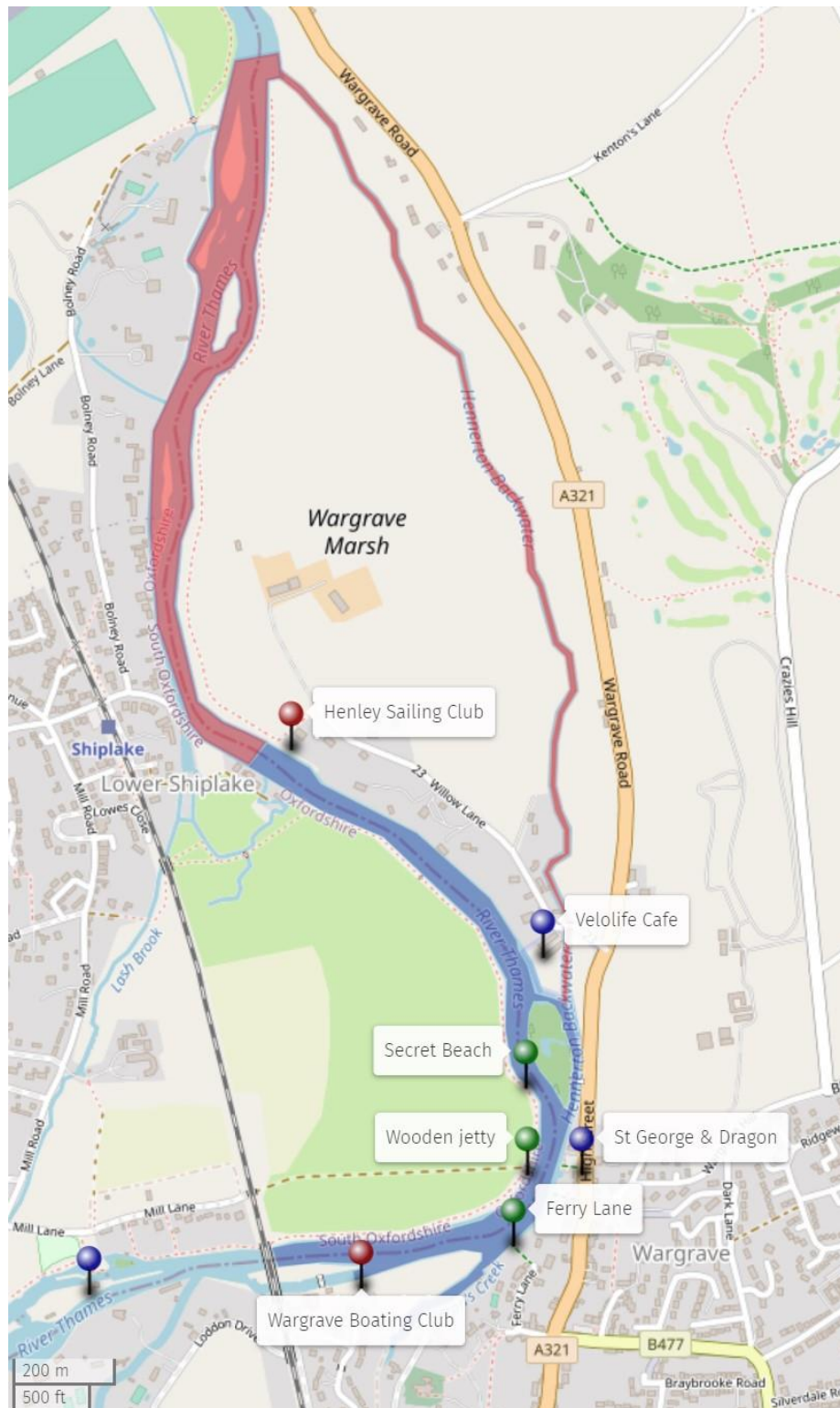
2. General Boating Area

The General Boating Area is recommended for Novices to build skill and confidence.



3. Hennerton Backwater

This secluded backwater can only be accessed in small boats (sit on kayak, SUP or Canadian canoe) due to the low stone bridge at the southern end. Clockwise is easiest for this route, taking advantage of the downstream flow of the river at the beginning rather than battling upstream at the end.



NB – the banks on both sides of the backwater are private property so not suitable for picnics.

4. St Patrick's Stream

This longer route is more adventurous and only suitable for smaller boats (e.g. sit on kayaks and canoes). It involves a portage over Shiplake Lock, and exploring a stretch of the River Loddon as well as St Patrick's Stream and a beautiful quiet stretch of the Thames. Anti-clockwise is recommended, following the Thames upstream to the St Patrick's Stream entrance and then allowing the stronger current to sweep the boat back downstream.



NB, do not confuse the entrance to Marsh Stream (clearly marked with a "DANGER – WEIR" sign) with the entrance to St Patrick's Stream. Marsh Stream weir is dangerous and this route should only be attempted in appropriate craft and under supervision.