The Match will see a gathering of Thames Sailing Barges competing for the Championship of the London River, a tradition dating back 150 years.

The barges will start off Mucking between 08.30 and 09.00, sailing east to the South East Leigh Buoy returning during the afternoon to the finish off Erith Pier.

Individuals or groups wishing to follow the Match on the water aboard a Sailing Barge should call Topsail Charters on 01621 857567, or on an historic Pilot Boat call 01634 361910, or on the Steam Tug Portway call 07949 461533.

To view the closing stages of the Match from the shore (Midday to 4.30 p.m., conditions dependent), vantage points on the south bank exist at Gravesend Promenade, Greenhithe Riverside Walk, Erith Promenade and Pier, and on the north bank at Grays Promenade (via Wharf Road) and The Royal Hotel, Purfleet.

For further information visit www.thamesmatch.co.uk