

RIVER RESIDENTS GROUP

How to (effectively) report an excessively noisy party boat

Most of the Thames leisure boats are wonderful. But a small number persistently cause problems. If you live on the river, you can help yourselves and everyone else by reporting the boats that cause noise nuisance, using the following multiple-choice Google tool that contains all the information needed to make a valid noise submission.

[Thames Party Boats : Disturbance Report \(google.com\)](#)

This generates an email that arrives in your own in-box, which you can then forward to your local Environmental Protection Team (email supplied on the form), plus, in every case, the London Port Health Authority (LPHA), which is charged with dealing with river noise (email also supplied on the form).

If you aren't sure what boat is causing the racket, this will tell you:

[MarineTraffic: Global Ship Tracking Intelligence | AIS Marine Traffic](#)

The Google tool provides centralized record-keeping, which has made a huge difference, giving us figures to substantiate our case when we apply to review the alcohol licences of rowdy boats. It has, for example, enabled us to force the Terrible Thames to change its acoustic system to become less intrusive.

In Amsterdam, party boats are no longer allowed to play amplified music in the city centre. This was achieved by 'people power', after citizens got together to bombard the authorities with a volume of complaints that could not in the end be ignored. As of October 2022, over 1200 complaints have been registered. The LPHA and Licensing Authorities do take notice.

We ask you to report only very bad boats. We don't want to stop people enjoying the Thames. And we don't want to cause unnecessary hardship to the boat businesses that have suffered from the pandemic and the cost of living crisis.