

## **NOTICE TO MARINERS**      No.11 of 2018

### WOOLWICH REACH ENVIRONMENT AGENCY THAMES BARRIER CLOSURES

The Thames Flood Barrier will be closed once a month for test purposes, in accordance with a programme issued for a period of six months, commencing 01<sup>st</sup> November 2018.

Listed below are the times between which the Thames Barrier will be closed to navigation for test purposes. During these periods navigation in the Thames Barrier Control Zone, between Margaretness and Blackwall Point, will be restricted and any movements in this area will require permission from London VTS.

#### **PROGRAMME OF CLOSURES:**

##### **November 2018**

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018  
From 0935 to 1205 GMT  
N Woolwich LW 1034 GMT 1.1m

##### **February 2019**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019  
From 1010 to 1240 GMT  
N Woolwich LW 1113 GMT 0.9m

##### **December 2018**

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018  
From 0945 to 1215 GMT  
N Woolwich LW 1047 GMT 1.0m

##### **March 2019**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019  
From 0945 to 1215 GMT  
N Woolwich LW 1049 GMT 0.8m

##### **January 2019**

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019  
From 0905 to 1135 GMT  
N Woolwich LW 1005 GMT 0.8m

##### **April 2019**

Tuesday 09<sup>th</sup> April 2019  
From 0955 to 1225 BST  
N Woolwich LW 1100 BST 0.5m

The closures will be confirmed and promulgated by London VTS from 24 hours in advance of the operation by VHF radio on routine river broadcasts.

From the start of each closing procedure until completion of the opening procedure vessels will be prohibited from transiting the Thames Barrier. Most closures are for approximately 2½ hours over the respective low waters.

No vessel is to pass Margaretness inward bound or Blackwall Point outward bound once a Thames Barrier closure has commenced unless authorised by London VTS.

## **GATE CLOSURES:**

In addition to the full Thames Barrier closures there will be frequent closures of individual gates for maintenance and training purposes, subject to a programme issued by the Environment Agency. The closure of individual gates will change the spans available for navigation.

Information regarding these gate closures will be promulgated by London VTS on VHF Channel 14 routine river broadcasts.

A copy of the six month programme may be obtained by applying in writing to the Environment Agency, Thames Barrier, Eastmoor Street, London SE7 8LX.

During each full Thames Barrier or individual gate closure(s), illuminated red crosses will be displayed on both sides of the gate(s) indicating that the gate(s) are closed to navigation.

## **NOTES:**

- (1) ANY ADDITIONAL THAMES BARRIER CLOSURES FOR TEST PURPOSES WILL BE PROMULGATED BY SEPARATE NOTICES TO MARINERS ISSUED 28 DAYS IN ADVANCE OF SUCH CLOSURES.
- (2) THE BARKING BARRIER WILL BE CLOSED AT THE SAME TIME AS THE THAMES BARRIER.

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**28<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

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