

## **NOTICE TO MARINERS** No.5 of 2017

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017.

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:**

##### **May 2017**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017  
From 0950 to 1220 BST  
N Woolwich LW 1053 BST 0.8m

##### **June 2017**

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017  
From 0935 to 1235 BST  
N Woolwich LW 1036 BST 0.8m

##### **July 2017**

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2017  
From 0925 to 1155 BST  
N Woolwich LW 1027 BST 0.8m

##### **August 2017**

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2017  
From 0920 to 1150 BST  
N Woolwich LW 1020 BST 0.8m

##### **September 2017 (full annual closure)**

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2017  
From 1020 to 2020 BST  
N Woolwich LW 1121 BST 0.8m

##### **October 2017**

Monday 09<sup>th</sup> October 2017  
From 1005 to 1235 BST  
N Woolwich LW 1105 BST 0.7m

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 either to the Environment Agency, Thames Barrier, Eastmoor Street, London SE7 8LX, or the Port of London Authority.

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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