

**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> May 2023.

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:**

2023	May	09/05/23	0940 to 1210
	June	07/06/23	0935 to 1205
	July	06/07/23	0945 to 1215
	August	21/08/23	1025 to 1255
	September	03/09/23	1010 to 2010
	October	18/10/23	0940 to 1210

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.

**31/01/2023**

Port of London Authority  
London River House, Royal Pier Road,  
Gravesend, Kent DA12 2BG

**SIMON PHILLIPS**  
Harbour Master

**EXPIRY DATE: 30/11/2023**

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**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.