

NOTICE TO MARINERS No.4 of 2022

WOOLWICH REACH ENVIRONMENT AGENCY THAMES BARRIER CLOSURES

This notice replaces No.2 of 2022 which is hereby cancelled.

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 01st May 2022.

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 2022

Thursday 19th May
From 0940 to 1210 BST

June 2022

Thursday 16th June
From 0855 to 1125 BST

July 2022

Monday 18th July
From 1100 to 1330 BST

August 2022

Monday 15th August
From 1010 to 1240 BST

September 2022

Saturday 24th September
0945 to Sunday 25th
September 0145 BST

October 2022

Thursday 13th October
From 0945 to 1215 BST

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.

29 March 2022

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

**Simon Phillips
Harbour Master
(SMS & VTS)**

EXPIRY DATE: 31 October 2022

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Telephone calls, VHF radio traffic, CCTV and radar traffic images may be recorded in the VTS Centres at Gravesend and Woolwich

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