

NOTICE TO MARINERS U2 of 2021

BARN ELMS REACH (UPPER)

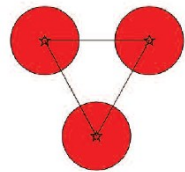
HAMMERSMITH BRIDGE

CLOSED TO NAVIGATION, EXCLUSION ZONE AND CONTROLLED TRANSITS

This Notice to Mariners supersedes and replaces U19 of 2020.

Hammersmith Bridge remains closed to river traffic at the request of the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham Council (LBHF). An exclusion zone of 15 metres upriver and downriver of the bridge remains in place.

Arches No. 1 and No. 3 are closed and will remain closed to navigation and marked in accordance with the Port of London Authority Thames Byelaws 2012 as depicted and by night lit with three red lights in a downward triangle.



Centre Arch (Arch 2) Controlled transits

The centre Arch (No 2) is also closed and marked as indicated above; however may be used for a booked controlled transit.

Vessels requiring to transit under Hammersmith Bridge can book a controlled transit, providing the following conditions are met:

1. The transit is essential and necessary. The requirement cannot be delayed to a later date or conducted elsewhere.
2. The vessel's Master accepts that the transit may be cancelled at short notice because of on-going investigations by LBHF. Re-booking a transit may be delayed indefinitely,
3. The vessel's Master conducts and holds on board a passage plan, which clearly identifies the hazards associated with passing underneath the bridge and identifies suitable abort points if the bridge were to close,
4. The Master confirms when booking that the safest minimum number of crew are onboard for the transit and no passengers are carried, and
5. The vessel carries a VHF radio and monitors VHF Channel 14 at all times.

Booking Process

Transits must be pre-booked at least 72-hours in advance, via the online booking system: <https://server1.pla.co.uk/Safety/The-Harbour-Masters/Hammersmith-Bridge-Vessel-Transits>

London VTS will include this closure and controlled transits in routine river broadcasts on **VHF Channel 14**.

31 March 2021

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