

NOTICE TO MARINERS U34 of 2019

HORSE REACH (LOWER) **RICHMOND LOCK, WEIR AND FOOTBRIDGE REFURBISHMENT WORKS**

This Notice to Mariners supersedes U32 of 2019

Background

Contractors working on behalf of the Port of London Authority (PLA) have been undertaking refurbishment works of Richmond Lock, Weir and Footbridge since July 2019. During these works, scaffolding will be erected on different parts of the bridge and arches will be closed to navigation or will have reduced air draft.

Arch Closures

Arch closures at Richmond Lock, Weir and Footbridge will be limited to a single arch at any one time, meaning that two arches will always be available to navigation. Vessels navigating through the bridge should use the arch on the Starboard most side of the channel that is open to navigation. It should be noted that due to the placement of the scaffolding the **weir gates of the closed arch will not be operational and will remain lowered throughout resulting in tidal eddies in adjacent arches.**

On **Friday 11th October 2019**, following a hydrographic survey Arch No. 2 (Middlesex) will re-open to navigation at approx..17:00

On **Saturday 12th October 2019**, No. 4 (Surrey) will be closed to navigation at 08:00 until further notice

Details as the project progresses will be promulgated in supplementary notices to mariners.

Arches closed to navigation will be marked in accordance with the Port of London Authority Thames Byelaws 2012; namely:

- By day, three red discs 0.6 metres in diameter at the points of an equilateral triangle with the apex downwards and the base horizontal.
- By night, three red lights in similar positions to the discs displayed by day.

Reduced Air Draft

To enable vessels to continue to utilise Richmond Lock (No. 5 Arch) and the Boat Rollers (No. 1 Arch), scaffolding will be rigged. This means that the air draft will be **reduced by 1.7m** but the arches will remain open for navigation. These arches will be marked in accordance with the Port of London Authority Thames Byelaws 2012; namely:

- By day a bundle of straw large enough to be conspicuous
- By night a white light.

Safety boat "GABE SAFETY BOAT 2" will be on station throughout the erection and dismantling of scaffolding, maintaining a listening watch on VHF channel 14.

Further details will be broadcast by London VTS on **VHF Channel 14**.

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