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In order to carry out essential maintenance works on Richmond lock, weirs and sluices, it is necessary to hold up the weirs across the low tide period, at Richmond Lock and Weir.

The Draw-Off period will commence at approximately 07:30 on Monday 27th October 2025 and will complete at approximately 16:20 on Friday 19th December 2025.

During this period, river users are reminded that the river between Richmond Lock and Teddington Lock, will **NOT** be maintained at the nominal level of 1.72m above Ordnance Datum Newlyn, and it is expected the riverbed will be exposed at low water.

Owners of vessels and structures usually moored between Richmond Lock and Teddington Lock should act in good time, either to move their vessels to more suitable moorings or to assure themselves that the vessel can safely take the ground. Short term moorings are of limited availability in the upper district.

River works licence holders and riparian landowners are reminded that any interference with the foreshore such as dredging, excavating or disturbing the riverbed requires a licence from the Port of London Authority. Environmental legislation provides for very high levels of fines when licensing requirements are not strictly adhered to.

Persons navigating through the weirs and upriver of Richmond Lock must do so with great

care, with regard to people working in and around the Lock and weirs. Weirs may be raised and lowered at various times for maintenance purposes, requiring arch closures.

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

Persons in charge of vessels are reminded to be aware of their wash, as boats and structures may be grounding during the low water.

Further information will be broadcast by London VTS on VHF channel 14.

Telephone calls, VHF radio traffic, CCTV and radar traffic images may be recorded in the VTS Centre



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Contact Richmond Lock on telephone 020 8940 0634 or VHF channel 80.

For further information on short-term or visitor moorings, please visit: www.pla.co.uk/visitormoorings

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