

## **NOTICE TO MARINERS 21 of 2017**

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017.

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:**

##### **November 2017**

Wednesday 08<sup>th</sup> November 2017  
From 0930 to 1200 GMT  
N Woolwich LW 1028 GMT 0.6m

##### **December 2017**

Thursday 07<sup>th</sup> December 2017  
From 0925 to 1155 GMT  
N Woolwich LW 1023 GMT 0.4m

##### **January 2018**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018  
From 0945 to 1215 GMT  
N Woolwich LW 1048 GMT 0.8m

##### **February 2018**

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018  
From 0930 to 1200 GMT  
N Woolwich LW 1035 GMT 0.6m

##### **March 2018**

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018  
From 0935 to 1205 GMT  
N Woolwich LW 1040 GMT 0.6m

##### **April 2018**

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018  
From 0950 to 1220 BST  
N Woolwich LW 1050 BST 0.4m

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.

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2017**

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