

NOTICE TO MARINERS 6 of 2016

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 1st May 2016.

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 2016

Monday 9th May 2016
From 0930 to 1200 BST
N Woolwich LW 1035 BST 0.4m

June 2016

Wednesday 8th June 2016
From 0950 to 1220 BST
N Woolwich LW 1054 BST 0.8m

July 2016

Thursday 7th July 2016
From 0935 to 1205 BST
N Woolwich LW 1043 BST 0.9m

August 2016

Monday 8th August 2016
From 1040 to 1310 BST
N Woolwich LW 1146 BST 1.1m

September 2016

Monday 5th September 2016
From 0945 to 1215 BST
N Woolwich LW 1055 BST 0.9m

October 2016 (full annual closure)

Sunday 2nd October 2016
From 0825 to 1825 BST
N Woolwich LW 0933 BST 0.9m
N Woolwich HW 1520 BST 7.2m

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 from the Port of London Authorities website www.pla.co.uk/navigation or 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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