

NOTICE TO MARINERS M19 of 2019

KINGS REACH BLACKFRIARS BRIDGES No. 2 ARCH SMART SIGNAL LIGHT

Contractors working on the Tideway Tunnel Project will continue works on the north shore upriver of Blackfriars Bridges. Number 1 arch remains closed to navigation throughout.

On or about the 27th March 2019 the closed arch sign and navigation lights over number 2 arch will be covered and a smart signal light will be placed over the arch on a trial basis.

The smart signal light will be controlled remotely by London VTS and is capable of displaying three separate signals with their meaning as described below.



Closed to navigation to all vessels



Open to navigation to all vessels



- Only "PERMITTED VESSELS" may transit through No 2 arch.
- For the purposes of this notice "PERMITTED VESSELS" are defined as commercial RHIBs, Thames Clippers vessels and Workboats of under 13.7 metres.
- It remains the responsibility of the "PERMITTED VESSEL'S" master to ensure that he can safely manoeuvre through No 2 arch and around the marine plant involved in the Blackfriars Tideway worksite with due regard to the height and the direction of tide. There are no under water obstructions on the approach to, within, or on the exit from No 2 arch.
- "PERMITTED VESSELS" using No 2 arch are not to overtake vessels navigating inwards through No 3 arch.

Operators of commercial vessels wishing to be included on the "PERMITTED VESSELS" list should make a request to the Upper District Harbour Master. Following satisfactory trials their vessels may be added.

Reporting vessels proceeding to the Blackfriars Tideway Site shall confirm their destination:

- Inward at the Surrey Docks reporting point
- Outward at the Vauxhall Bridge reporting point

The "PERMITTED VESSELS signal" will be switched to "closed to navigation" until the reporting vessel has confirmed to London VTS that it is safely berthed at the Blackfriars Tideway Site.

Transgressions by vessels contrary to the signal, or malfunctioning of the signal light are to be reported to London VTS in the first instance.

Reports from vessel masters and operators on the implementation of, or improvement to the use of the smart signal light should be made to the Upper District Harbour Master.

The arch navigational status of closed or permitted vessels will be broadcast by London VTS on VHF Channel 14.

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