

## NOTICE TO MARINERS      M50 of 2019

### **RICHMOND LOCK AND WEIR DRAW-OFF 2019**

**Weirs open 27<sup>th</sup> October to 17<sup>th</sup> November**

*This notice is also published as U18 of 2019*

In order to carry out essential maintenance works on Richmond Lock, weirs and sluices, it will be necessary to lift the weirs at Richmond for a period of 3 weeks. This will allow the river between Richmond Lock and Teddington Lock to drain down at low water on each tide.

**The Draw-Off period will commence at approximately 16:00 on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October and will complete at approximately 07:25 on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019.**

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

Owners of boats and structures usually moored between Richmond Lock and Teddington Lock should take action in good time, either to move their boats to more suitable moorings or to assure themselves that the boat is capable of taking 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 river bed 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, which 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.

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

For further information on short-term or visitor moorings, please visit:  
[www.boatingonthethames.co.uk/Visitor-Moorings](http://www.boatingonthethames.co.uk/Visitor-Moorings).

**23 July 2019**

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EXPIRY DATE: 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019  
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