

NOTICE TO MARINERS M59 of 2019

KINGS REACH BLACKFRIARS BRIDGES 1, 2, 3 ARCH CLOSURES

Contractors working on behalf of the Tideway Tunnel have a short term requirement to close 1, 2 and 3 arches of Blackfriars Bridges to enable transfer of a crane off the cofferdam at the Blackfriars works to a barge moored across the river. In order to accommodate this transfer, arches on Blackfriars Road and Rail Bridges will be closed to navigation as follows:-

Arch	Works Start		Works End		Navigational Information
	Date	Time	Date	Time	
1, 2 and 3	Monday 2 nd September	03:00	Monday 2 nd September	05:30	Closed to Navigation and Local Traffic Control through No 4 arch
1, 2 and 3	Contingency Date Tuesday 3 rd September	03:45	Contingency Date Tuesday 3 rd September	06:15	Alternative should Monday's transfer not be achieved. Closed to Navigation and Local Traffic Control through No 4 arch

Two tugs, the SHAKEDOG and GPS IBERIA will manoeuvre the barge NP474 on both dates and will maintain a watch on VHF channel 14.

Arches 1 and 3 closed to navigation 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

Arch no 2 will be marked as closed to navigation by a red cross.

Local Traffic Control will be undertaken from a PLA Harbour Service Launch in the vicinity of Blackfriars Bridge for the duration of the closures of the three arches. All vessels intending to navigate between Vauxhall Bridge and Albert Bridge are to call 'BLACKFRIARS CONTROL' on VHF Channel 14 as follows:

- Inbound at London Bridge

- Outbound at Charing Cross Rail Bridge
- Prior to leaving a berth or mooring between Charing Cross Railway Bridge and London Bridge

All vessels are to navigate in this area with caution, maintaining a continuous watch on VHF Channel 14 and follow the instructions from the attending Harbour Service Launch exhibiting flashing blue lights.

Further details will be broadcast by **London VTS** on **VHF Channel 14**.

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BOB BAKER
CHIEF HARBOUR MASTER



EXPIRY DATE: 5th September 2019
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