

## **NOTICE TO MARINERS**

No.14 of 2011

# **WOOLWICH REACH THAMES BARRIER CLOSURES ENVIRONMENT AGENCY PROGRAMME NO.58**

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 2011.

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 2011**

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2011  
From 0930 to 1200 GMT  
N Woolwich LW 1026 GMT 0.9m

### **December 2011**

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2011  
From 0925 to 1155 GMT  
N Woolwich LW 1029 GMT 0.6m

### **January 2012**

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2012  
From 0850 to 1120 GMT  
N Woolwich LW 0947 GMT 0.6m

### **February 2012**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2012  
From 1005 to 1235 GMT  
N Woolwich LW 1125 GMT 0.6m

### **March 2012**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2012  
From 0930 to 1200 GMT  
N Woolwich LW 1039 GMT 0.4m

### **April 2012**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2012  
From 1005 to 1235 BST  
N Woolwich LW 1117 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. Full details of the navigational procedures for vessels navigating within the Thames Barrier Control Zone are contained within General Direction for Navigation in the Port of London number 27 - Navigation in the Thames Barrier Control Zone.

## **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, Thames Region. 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 Authority's website [www.pla.co.uk/navigation](http://www.pla.co.uk/navigation) or by applying in writing to:

E.A. Area Manager  
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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PLEASE REGISTER VIA OUR WEBSITE [www.pla.co.uk](http://www.pla.co.uk)  
**Telephone calls, VHF radio traffic, CCTV and radar traffic images may be recorded in  
the VTS Centres at Gravesend and Woolwich.**

