

## **NOTICE TO MARINERS No.M4 of 2012**

# **KINGS REACH BLACKFRIARS RAIL & ROAD BRIDGES NO 4 ARCHES CLOSED TO NAVIGATION**

Further to Notice to Mariners M4 2010, M70 2011 and M71 of 2011, contractors working on behalf of Network Rail will continue to work various craft at Blackfriars Rail and Road Bridges.

By 0600 hours on the 31st January 2012 the barges and equipment currently occupying No 3 arch of Blackfriars Road and Rail Bridges will be removed. However No 3 arch will remain closed and closed arch signs will continue to be displayed.

Hydrographical survey of No 3 arch and subsequent analysis of the data will then take place to determine if any changes to the depths have occurred. No 3 arch will be opened to navigation at 2200 hours on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2012 and the closed arch signs removed.

No 4 arch will be closed at 0030 hours on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2012 and closed arch signs exhibited. This will be broadcast by London VTS on VHF channel 14. A number of barges / craft will then occupy No 4 arch which will remain closed until on or about 28th May 2012.

During the night two navigable arch closures will continue only within the parameters described in Notice to Mariners M70 2011, Night Time Arch Closure to Navigation.

Arches closed to navigation will be marked on the downstream side on the Blackfriars Rail Bridge and from the adjacent arch on the upstream side of Blackfriars Road Bridge in accordance with the Port of London Authority River Byelaws 1978 (as amended) 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.

Construction barges will display the lights and shapes as prescribed in Rule 27 of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea 1972 namely:

- By day, three black shapes in a vertical line the highest and lowest of which are balls and the middle one a diamond.
- By night, three all round lights in a vertical line the highest and lowest of which are red and the middle one white.

In addition to closed arch signs suspended from the bridge arches; an additional and highly-visible sign will be placed on the barge or barges at least 0.6m above the barge coaming to indicate the arch she is working in is closed.

Additionally, safety boats will be in attendance and maintain a continuous VHF watch on Channel 14.

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

Persons in charge of vessels are to navigate with particular care and proceed at slow speed when passing the works.

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