

NOTICE TO MARINERS No.M78 of 2011

KINGS REACH BLACKFRIARS RAIL NO 2 AND 4 ARCHES REDUCED HEIGHT

Further to and as defined by Notice to Mariners M70 of 2011, contractors working on behalf of Network Rail will continue to require two navigable arch closures at Blackfriars Rail and Road Bridges.

On or about the 28th of November the works will involve installing impact protection between the outer ribs in number 2 and 4 arches. These works will result in the temporary reduction in the air draft within No 2 and 4 arches of up to 150 mm.

At all times when No 2 and 4 arches of Blackfriars Rail Bridge are reopened to navigation the available air draft will continue to be greater than that at Blackfriars Road Bridge. i.e. The effective air draft limitation for this pair of bridges remains unchanged which is that of Blackfriars Road Bridge.

When no 2 arch is open with reduced height, it will be marked at its down stream end in accordance with Port of London Authority River Byelaws 1978 (as amended) namely, " a bundle of straw large enough to be conspicuous and by night a white light" for those vessels proceeding in-bound.

In order to better facilitate the works No 4 arch will **not** be similarly marked, as vessels outbound will have already passed under Blackfriars Road Bridge.

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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EXPIRY DATE: 31 July 2012

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