

## **NOTICE TO MARINERS**      No.U32 of 2011

### **RICHMOND LOCK & WEIR**

### **VESSELS GROUNDING BELOW**

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Following a number of recent incidents of vessels taking the ground immediately downstream of Richmond Lock and Weir mariners' attention is drawn to Permanent Notice to Mariners 17. This notice states that:

*"Under low flow conditions, water levels in the above area will remain at or less than chart datum between three hours before and one hour after the time of predicted low water at Richmond Lock. Low water levels of 0.5 metres below Chart Datum are to be expected".*

Low flow conditions are currently prevailing in the Upper District and are likely to remain so for the foreseeable future.

As can be seen from the attached chartlet this means that the navigable channel immediately downstream of Richmond Lock and Weir can be at less than 1m depth for the period indicated. All vessels transiting the lock at low water are reminded to take caution and ensure that their passage plans take account of their draught with respect to the state of the tide.

Readings of the tide gauge immediately downstream of the lock are available from the lock foreman on 0208 9400634.

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**10 November 2011**

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