

### WOOLWICH REACH

## **ENVIRONMENT AGENCY**

# **THAMES BARRIER CLOSURES**

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 01<sup>st</sup> November 2020.

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 2020**

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November  
From 0930 to 1200 GMT

##### **February 2021**

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February  
From 0935 to 1205 GMT

##### **December 2020**

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December  
From 0840 to 1110 GMT

##### **March 2021**

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March  
From 0925 to 1155 GMT

##### **January 2021**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January  
From 1005 to 1235 GMT

##### **April 2021**

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April  
From 0930 to 1300 BST

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.

## 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. 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 by applying in writing to the Environment Agency, 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.

**26 August 2020**

Port of London Authority  
London River House, Royal Pier Road,  
Gravesend, Kent DA12 2BG

**BOB BAKER**  
**CHIEF HARBOUR MASTER**



EXPIRY DATE: 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
TO RECEIVE FUTURE NOTICES TO MARINERS BY **E-MAIL**,  
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**  
All Current Notices to Mariners can be found here -  
<http://www.pla.co.uk/Safety/Regulations-and-Guidance/Notices-to-Mariners/Notices-to-Mariners>

