

NOTICE TO MARINERS

M25 of 2019

NINE ELMS REACH VAUXHALL BRIDGE No 4 ARCH SMART SIGNAL LIGHT

Contractors working on the Tideway Tunnel Project will continue works at the Lack's Dock worksite, downriver of Vauxhall Bridge.

On or about the 9th May 2019, the closed arch sign and navigation lights over number 4 arch will be covered and a smart signal light will be placed over the arch on a trial basis.

SMART SIGNAL LIGHT

The smart signal light will be controlled remotely by London VTS and is capable of displaying three separate signals with their meaning as described below:



Closed to navigation to all vessels



Open to navigation to all vessels



- Only "PERMITTED VESSELS" may transit through No 4 arch.
- For the purposes of this notice "PERMITTED VESSELS" are defined as commercial RHIBs, Thames Clippers vessels and Workboats under 13.7 metres LOA.
- It remains the responsibility of the "PERMITTED VESSEL'S" master to ensure that he can safely manoeuvre through No 4 arch and around the marine plant involved in the Albert Embankment Tideway worksite with due regard to the height and the direction of tide. There are no under water obstructions on the approach to, within, or on the exit from No 4 arch.

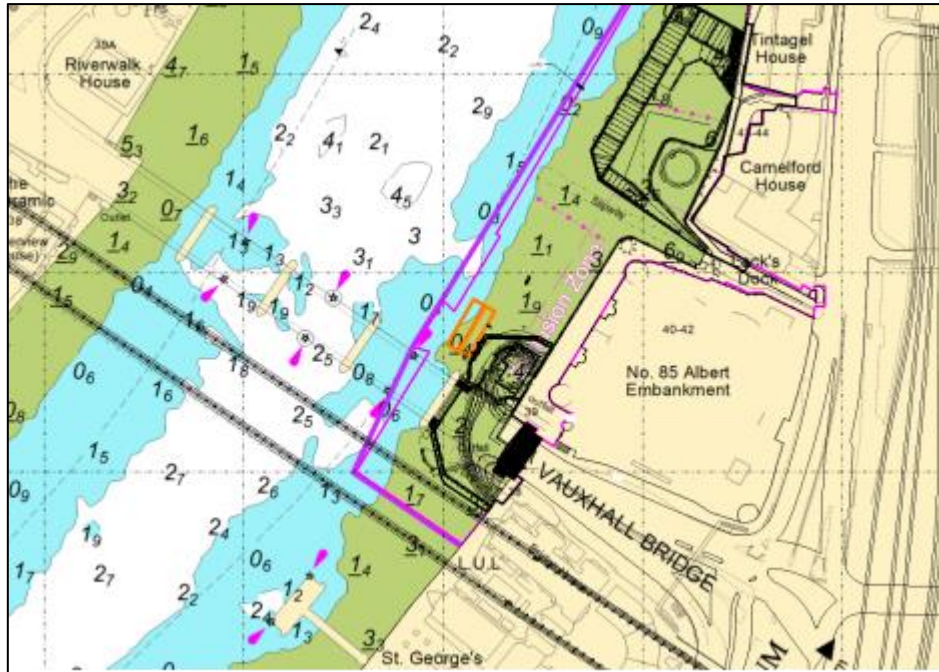
Operators of commercial vessels wishing to be included on the "PERMITTED VESSELS" list should make a request to the Upper District Harbour Master. Following satisfactory trials their vessels may be added.

The Vauxhall Bridge Smart Signal Light will be operated within the following parameters:

- No 4 arch will be closed to navigation when tugs and tows are manoeuvring onto or off the campshed immediately below no 4 and 5 arch.
- Tugs and tows manoeuvring onto or off the campshed are to ensure the closed arch signal is illuminated prior to executing the manoeuvre making a request for closure to

London VTS. When the manoeuvres are complete and the status may be changed from closed, confirmation shall again be made to London VTS.

- No 4 arch will be on permitted vessel status when two barges are moored on the campshed as indicated in the below chartlet.
- No 4 arch will be open to navigation when there are no barges on the campshed



Transgressions by vessels contrary to the signal, or malfunctioning of the signal light are to be reported to London VTS in the first instance.

Reports from vessel masters and operators on the implementation of, or improvement to the use of the smart signal light should be made to the Upper District Harbour Master.

The arch navigational status of closed or permitted vessels will be broadcast by London VTS on VHF Channel 14.

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