

NOTICE TO MARINERS

2024 Ipswich Tidal Barrier Tests.

UTC BST

Mariners are advised that the dates and times listed below Environment Agency will be conducting routine tests and maintenance to the Ipswich Tidal Barrier. During this period the river will be closed off between the Tidal Barrier and Stoke Bridge. Upon completion of the barrier closure, the barrier will be re-opened gradually.

Vessels approaching Ipswich Lock may experience additional currents as they make their approach. Caution needs to be taken by small vessels navigating in the vicinity of the lock/barrier at the time of opening.

Vessel bound to the area upstream of the Tidal Barrier should always observe the Red/Green traffic lights at the Barrier.

For more information contact Orwell Navigation Services on VHF Ch 68.

| Date of Barrier closure | Day | Estimated closure timeframe |
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| 13 December 2023 | Wednesday | 10:00 – 12:00 |
| 02 January 2024 | Tuesday | 12:00 – 16:00 |
| 16 January 2024 | Tuesday | 13:00 – 16:00 |
| 01 February 2024 | Thursday | 12:00 – 16:00 |
| 14 February 2024* | Wednesday | 08:00 – 13:00 |
| 15 February 2024* | Thursday | 08:30 – 13:30 |
| 12 March 2023 | Tuesday | 10:00 – 14:00 |
| 27 March 2024 | Wednesday | 10:30 – 13:30 |
| 10 April 2024 | Wednesday | 10:30 – 14:30 |
| 24 April 2024 | Wednesday | 10:30 – 13:30 |
| 08 May 2024 | Wednesday | 10:30 – 13:30 |
| 22 May 2024 | Wednesday | 09:30 – 12:30 |
| 06 June 2024 | Thursday | 09:00 – 13:00 |
| 25 June 2024 | Tuesday | 12:30 – 15:30 |
| Note(s): | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Indicates Barrier gate inspections at low water. Closure timeframes listed are approximate and may change as a result of particular operational requirements or due to weather or tidal influences. Occasionally closures may be cancelled or rescheduled at short notice. The closure schedule provided does not include instances where the Barrier is required to be closed for flood prevention purposes. | | |

Divisional Assistant Harbour Master East Anglia

11 December 2023

Notice to Mariners Currently in Force:

2004:11 **2005:** 5 **2006:** 10 **2008:** 3,5, 8, 9 **2009:** 6, 7, **2010:** 3, 8, 9 **2011:** 2,13, **2012:** 6 **2015:**1 **2016:**8,9 **2018:**.7,9 **2019:**3,10 **2020:** 13 **2021:**1 **2022:** 6 **2023:** 05, 07,19, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35,37a