

NOTICE TO MARINERS

Environment Agency Tidal Barrier test

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.

Date of Barrier closure	Day	Estimated closure timeframe
08 th October 2025	Wednesday	09:30 – 13:30 (BST)
22 nd October 2025	Wednesday	10:30 – 13:30 (BST)
06 th November 2025	Thursday	08:30 – 12:30 (GMT)
20 th November 2025	Thursday	09:00 – 12:00 (GMT)
09 th December 2025	Tuesday	11:00 – 15:00 (GMT)
22 nd December 2025	Monday	10:30 – 13:30 (GMT)
06 th January 2026	Tuesday	10:00 – 14:00 (GMT)
27 th January 2026	Tuesday	15:00 – 18:00 (GMT)
18 th February 2026	Wednesday	09:00 – 13:00 (GMT)
04 th March 2026	Wednesday	09:30 – 12:30 (GMT)
23 rd March 2026 *	Monday	07:00 – 13:00 (GMT)
24 th March 2026 *	Tuesday	07:30 – 13:30 (GMT)
07 th April 2026	Tuesday	12:00 – 16:00 (BST)
20 th April 2026	Monday	12:00 – 15:00 (BST)
05 th May 2026	Tuesday	11:00 – 15:00 (BST)
19 th May 2026	Tuesday	12:00 – 15:00 (BST)
03 rd June 2026	Wednesday	11:00 – 15:00 (BST)
17 th June 2026	Wednesday	11:30 – 14:30 (BST)
Note(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * indicates Barrier gate closures 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. We will endeavour to inform you such occurrences. The closure schedule provided does not include instances where the Ipswich Barrier is required to be closed for tidal flood defence purposes. 		

Divisional Assistant Harbour Master East Anglia

25 September 2025

Notice to Mariners Currently in Force:

2004:11 **2005:** 5 **2006:** 10 **2008:**8, 9 **2010:** 3, 8 **2019:**10 **2022:** 6 **2023:** 19, 29, 30, **2024:** 01,09a,19,34, 38,40
2025: 08,10,14,15

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