

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS

No. 09 of 2020 - Second phase of lifting of Navigation Restrictions – Cardiff Bay Barrage Locks – LIMITED LOCKING OPERATIONS, Water Budget – (Staying Local - during Covid-19)

Mariners are advised that from 00:01 on Monday 8th June 2020, there will be **limited** access through Cardiff Bay Barrage Locks for vessels. Owing to exceptionally low river flows into the Bay, the Harbour Authority is required to implement locking restrictions in order to maintain the Bay level within the statutory limits.

Cardiff Harbour Authority visitor facilities remain closed (Pontoon systems and Slipway).

Mariners must also follow Welsh Government Guidelines and only be accompanied by persons permanently residing at the same address or, where the vessel is of a sufficient size and design to maintain social distancing, with persons from a different household subject to the current regulations. The rules regarding 'Staying Local' apply and as such Mariners must consider the amended regulations when deciding to travel to and use their vessels to avoid placing any **unnecessary strain and risk on the emergency services.**

When using the Barrage locks please remain on board your vessel however if you are required to step onto the pontoons to moor up then please be patient for other users and maintain social distancing.

Mariners should be aware that due to the locking restrictions staff will try to accommodate as many vessels in a lock as possible which may require rafting up.

Effective from 00:01 on Monday 8th June 2020, and continuing until **significant** rainfall increases river flows, the following restrictions will be in place:

0001 Mon –0600 Sat

Outbound On the hour only
Inbound 45 mins past the hour only

Weekend locks from 0600 Saturday until 0001 hrs Monday will not be affected and will operate to the normal schedule until further notice.

Mariners should note that delays are likely both locking in and locking out, particularly at weekends and other busy periods. It is therefore advisable to use non-peak locking times whenever possible.

The situation with regard to the maintenance of the Bay level will be kept under constant review, and restrictions will be relaxed if at all possible. However, it should also be noted that, given the forecast for continuing dry weather, there may be a necessity to further restrict locking operations to ensure the statutory Bay level is maintained.

Up to date information may be obtained from Barrage Control on 029 2070 0234 or on VHF Channel 18. Where delays do occur, mariners are requested to exercise patience and act in accordance with the locking instructions given to them by Barrage staff.

Many vessels within the Harbour will not have been used for a considerable time. In order to minimise the need for the emergency services to be mobilised, potentially placing them and you at risk, the following conditions should apply:

- The latest weather forecast should be obtained and vessels are to be checked and inspected thoroughly before leaving the berth. This should include ensuring that all boat systems and engines are operating correctly and all equipment is in date and operating as it should.
- Lifejackets or buoyancy aids should be worn by all on-board for your own safety.
- Mariners are urged to exercise good seamanship, courtesy, patience and common sense as they begin to move around the Harbour.
- The skipper and crew of all vessels are required to follow government guidance in relation to Covid-19 to protect themselves and others they may come into contact with.

Mariners are reminded that CCTV is in operation at the Barrage for operational and health and safety reasons. All CCTV images and VHF transmissions are recorded.

Notices Cancelled

No. 08 of 2020 - First phase of lifting of Navigation Restrictions - Cardiff Inland Bay only – Staying Local - during Covid-19

Notices Remaining in Force

No 03 of 2017 – Water Ski Pilot Scheme

No 05 of 2019 – Cardiff Barrage Approach Channel Sector Light Temporarily Extinguished – Navigation Aid 7 Dir LFL.WRG.5s – 298 Degrees

No 03 of 2020 – Cardiff Barrage Lock 3 Bridge closure – Preventative Maintenance

No 04 of 2020 – Temporary Closure of the Public Pay and Display pontoons

For notices that remain in force prior to 2016 please see: www.cardiffharbour.com

Harbour Master, Cardiff Bay

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