

Port of London - River Thames



NOTICE TO MARINERS No.U12 of 2008

RICHMOND LOCK AND WEIR DRAW-OFF 2008

Weirs open 8th November – 7th December 2008

In order to carry out essential maintenance works on the lock, weirs and sluices and to carry out a riverbed inspection, it will be necessary to lift the weirs at Richmond for a period of five weeks. This will allow the river between Richmond Lock and Teddington Lock to drain down at low water on each tide.

The Draw-Off period will commence at approximately 2000 on Saturday 8th November 2008 and will complete at approximately 0640 on Sunday 7th December 2008.

During this period river users are reminded that, for the duration of the work, the river will **NOT** be maintained at the nominal level of Chart Datum and that the river bed can be expected to be exposed.

Owners of boats and structures usually moored between Richmond Lock and Teddington Lock should take action in good time, either to move their boats to more suitable moorings or to assure themselves that the boat is capable of taking the ground over the low waters.

River works licence holders and riparian landowners are reminded that any interference with the foreshore such as dredging, excavating or disturbing the river bed requires a licence from the Port of London Authority. Recent environmental legislation provides for very high levels of fines when licensing requirements are not strictly adhered to.

Persons navigating through the weirs and upstream of Richmond Lock must do so with great care and should have regard to people working in and around the Lock and weirs and be aware that weirs may be raised and lowered at various times for maintenance purposes. In addition boat owners are reminded to watch their speed and wash when making passage as boats and structures may be grounding during low water.

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