

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS

No 03 of 2025 – Varsity Boat Race Series – Saturday 5th April 2025

On Saturday 5th April, the Varsity Boat Race series will take place on the River Taff. Racing will take place between the Railway Arches Bridge and the Sand Wharf Flats, just past the slipway at Channel View Centre.

Racing will take place during the following times:

Novice Women's Race 9.55 – 10.15
Novice Men's Race 10.55 – 11.15
Alumni Race 11.55 – 12.15
Senior Women's Race 12.55 – 13.15
Senior Men's Race 13.55 – 14.15

All unauthorised vessels will be excluded from entering the River Taff during those 20-minute slots.

There will be restricted use of the slipway at Channel View during the racing times and an exclusion zone boat will be stationed between the PDR bridge and the Sand wharf flats, enforcing the closure.

Any vessels that wish to navigate from Channel View (Cardiff Bay Water Activity Centre) or downstream of Clarence Road Bridge during this period should contact the Harbour Master or Barrage Control who will be in contact with race management vessels who will be able to advise when navigation is possible.

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 01 of 2025 – Dredging works on the River Taff and deposition in Cardiff Bay

No. 02 of 2025 – Dredging works in Cardiff Bay Barrage Outer Harbour and Approach Channel

Notices Remaining in Force

No. 14 of 2020 – PYW timetable Pilot scheme

No 04 of 2021 - Notice of Discontinuance of Aids to Navigation – Cardiff Barrage Approach Channel Sector Light and Taff Crossing Viaduct Upstream and Downstream lighted beacons

No 07 of 2021 – Paddle craft transit route between River Taff and River Ely

Harbour Master, Cardiff Bay
01st April 2025

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