



LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS

No 07 of 2026 – Varsity Boat Race Series – Saturday 18th April 2026

On Saturday 18th April, the Varsity Boat Race series will take place on the River Taff. Racing will take place between the Railway 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 05 of 2026 – Cardiff Head of the Taff
No 06 of 2026 – Bridge Inspections on the River Taff

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
No 08 of 2021 – Water Ski Pilot Scheme / Zone
No 06 of 2025 – Navigation in the Wrach Channel
No 04 of 2026 – Postponed Dredging Works in Outer Harbour

Harbour Master, Cardiff Bay
9th April 2026

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