



LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS

No 11 of 2025 – Cardiff Bay Barrage Locking Restrictions

Owing to exceptionally low river flows into the Bay, the Harbour Authority is required to implement locking restrictions for vessels in order to maintain the Bay level within the statutory limits.

Effective from **Monday 18th August 2025** and continuing until **significant** rainfall increases river flows, the following weekday 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.

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. 10 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

No 08 of 2021 – Water Ski Pilot Scheme / Zone

Harbour Master, Cardiff Bay

18th August 2025

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