

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS

No 11 of 2026 – Navigation in Wrach Channel and Cardiff Approaches

Due to an increase in near-misses in the Wrach Channel and Cardiff Approaches, all mariners entering or exiting the Cardiff Bay Barrage are reminded to continue to comply with COLREGs, specifically Rule 9 (keep clear of vessels confined to the narrow channel) and Rule 18 (keep clear of vessels restricted in ability to manoeuvre).

Essential Navigation & Safety Reminders

- **VHF Listening Watch:** You are required to maintain a continuous listening watch on VHF **Channel 68 (South Wales Radio)** when in the Wrach Channel and the approaches to Cardiff Docks.
- **Narrow Channel Compliance:** Do not impede vessels that can only safely navigate within the dredged channel limits.

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 09 of 2026 – Offshore Circuit Racing Drivers Association (OCRDA) Powerboat, Water Skiing and Jet Ski event Cardiff Bay 20th and 21st June 2026
No 10 of 2026 – Bristol Channel Yachting Association Annual Conference

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

Harbour Master, Cardiff Bay
16th July 2026

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