

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS

No 13 of 2026 – 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 24th August 2026** and continuing until **significant** rainfall increases river flows, the following restrictions will be in place:

Outbound	On the hour only
Inbound	45 mins past the hour only

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

Notices Remaining in Force

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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 11 of 2026 – Navigation in Wrach Channel and Cardiff Approaches
No. 12 of 2026 – Dredging works in Cardiff Bay Barrage Outer Harbour and Approach Channel

Harbour Master, Cardiff Bay

24th August 2026

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