

## NINE ELMS REACH

# VICTORIA RAIL BRIDGE

# DIVE INVESTIGATION WORKS & ARCH CLOSURES

On or about Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024 contractors working on behalf of network rail will commence diving investigation and survey works at Victoria Rail Bridge. Diving operations will take place within the bridge arches and during the diving operations the bridge arches will be closed to navigation. These works are expected to take place overnight and last up to 4 nights.

To accommodate these works, the arches of Victoria Rail Bridge arches will be closed to navigation as follows:

Arch	Works Start		Works End		Navigational Information
	Date	Time	Date	Time	
3	15 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	2359	16 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	0400	Closed to Navigation & Local Traffic Control
2	16 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	2359	17 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	0400	Closed to Navigation & Local Traffic Control
1	17 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	2359	18 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	0400	Closed to Navigation
TBC*	18 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	2359	19 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	0400	Closed to Navigation & Local Traffic Control

\*18<sup>th</sup> March 2024 is a fallback day. Should arch closures be in effect the details will be broadcast on VHF Ch.14

During the closure of Victoria Rail Bridge arches 2 and 3, Local Traffic Control will be undertaken from a PLA Harbour Service Launch in the vicinity of Victoria Rail Bridge. All power-driven vessels intending to navigate between Wandsworth Bridge and Hammersmith Bridge are to call '**VICTORIA CONTROL**' on VHF Channel 14 as follows:

- Inbound at Vauxhall Bridge
- Outbound at Albert Bridge
- Prior to leaving a berth or mooring between Vauxhall Bridge and Albert Bridge

Non power-driven vessels intending to transit Victoria Rail Bridge should await instructions from the attending Harbour Service Launch.

**01/02/2024**

Port of London Authority  
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**SOPHIE WILLIAMS**  
Deputy Harbour Master

**EXPIRY DATE: 20/03/2024**

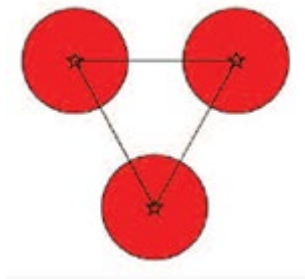
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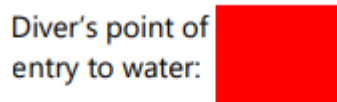


Arches closed to navigation will be marked in accordance with the Port of London Authority Thames Byelaws 2012 namely:

- By day, three red discs 0.6 metres in diameter at the points of an equilateral triangle with the apex downwards and the base horizontal
- By night, three red lights in similar positions to the discs displayed by day.



The Dive Boat should display International Code Flags 'Romeo Yankee (RY)' and 'Alpha (A)' as appropriate:



Mariners transiting Victoria Rail Bridge are requested to pass with extreme caution. Mariners must ensure that wash and draw off are kept to a minimum when passing the site.

A safety boat will be in attendance and maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 14.

Further details will be broadcast by **London VTS** on **VHF Channel 14**.