

River Thames – river restriction

Blakes Lock (River Thames)

From Monday 1 April 2019 until Friday 12 April 2019

Lock Gate Modifications

Directions for navigation and general information during this incident:

- Our diving contractor will be carrying out minor modifications to each of the four lock gates at Blakes lock between the dates advertised above. Divers will be in the lock chamber for up to 60 minutes at a time, which will allow them enough time to enter the water safely, carry out sections of the work and return to the lock side.
- The majority of the works are due to take place between 2 April 2019 and 5 April 2019, however some disruption to the Navigation might be experienced between 6 April 2019 and 12 April 2019.
- We apologise for any inconvenience these works cause and thank you for your patience during this time.

Barry Russell MBE
Harbour Master
26 March 2019

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incident hotline
0800 80 70 60

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03459 88 11 88

Nothing contained in these directions shall supersede those parts of the Thames Navigation Licensing and General Byelaws 1993 as may be relevant.

And Notice is hereby given, that it is provided by Byelaw 52 of the Thames Navigation Licensing and General Byelaws, 1993 that:

The master of any vessel shall except in an emergency not pass any boat-race regatta public procession or gathering for the launch of a vessel or any other event or function which may cause a crowd to assemble on or by the river nor station his vessel thereon in such a manner as would risk obstructing impeding or interfering with such boat-race regatta procession launching event or function or endangering the safety of persons assembling on the river or preventing or interfering with the maintenance of order thereon.

The maximum penalty for breach of the Byelaws is £1,000

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