

NOTICE TO MARINERS

2024 Ipswich Tidal Barrier Tests.

UTC BST

Mariners are advised that the dates and times listed below Environment Agency will be conducting routine tests and maintenance to the Ipswich Tidal Barrier. During this period the river will be closed off between the Tidal Barrier and Stoke Bridge. Upon completion of the barrier closure, the barrier will be re-opened gradually.

Vessels approaching Ipswich Lock may experience additional currents as they make their approach. Caution needs to be taken by small vessels navigating in the vicinity of the lock/barrier at the time of opening.

Vessel bound to the area upstream of the Tidal Barrier should always observe the Red/Green traffic lights at the Barrier.

For more information contact Orwell Navigation Services on VHF Ch 68.

Date of Barrier closure	Day	Estimated closure timeframe
22 May 2024	Wednesday	09:30 – 12:30
06 June 2024	Thursday	09:00 – 13:00
25 June 2024	Tuesday	12:30 – 15:30
09 July 2024	Tuesday	11:30 – 15:30
24 July 2024	Wednesday	12:00 – 15:00
07 August 2024	Wednesday	11:00 – 15:00
21 August 2024	Wednesday	11:00 – 14:00
04 September 2024	Wednesday	10:00 – 14:00
24 September 2024*	Tuesday	09:00 – 14:00
25 September 2024*	Wednesday	10:00 – 15:00
08 October 2024	Tuesday	12:00 – 16:00
22 October 2024	Tuesday	13:00 – 16:00
06 November 2024	Wednesday	11:00 – 15:00
20 November 2024	Wednesday	12:00 – 15:00
04 December 2024	Wednesday	10:00 – 14:00
18 December 2024	Wednesday	11:00 – 14:00

Note(s):

- * indicates Barrier gate inspections at low water.
- Closure timeframes listed are approximate and may change as a result of particular operational requirements or due to weather or tidal influences.
- Occasionally closures may be cancelled or rescheduled at short notice.
- The closure schedule provided does not include instances where the Barrier is required to be closed for tidal flood defence purposes.

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