

NOTICE TO MARINERS

No. 25 – 2024 (Updated 10.06.2024)

THE SWALE – FERRY REACH KINGSFERRY BRIDGE - CLOSURES

Notice is hereby given that: the first period of maintenance on the Kingsferry Bridge finished this morning, however, an issue has been discovered during testing today. Engineers are on site at the moment and trying to rectify the problem but until further notice, the bridge is not able to lift for any marine traffic. As soon as further detail is known an update to this notice will be published.

Notice is hereby given that: due to scheduled maintenance work, Kingsferry Bridge will be closed to all navigation. Work to replace the wire lifting ropes is due to commence 7th June 2024 with completion expected by 28th July 2024. The work will be completed in 4 phases as detailed below, navigation through the bridge will be suspended for the periods stated as “shipping” and will be for the entire period specified.

Closure No.	Closure Type	Start Date	Start Time	Finish Date	Finish Time
1	Road	07/06/24	22.00	10/06/24	05.00
	Shipping	07/06/24	22.00	10/06/24	05.00
	Rail	08/06/24	01.00	10/06/24	04.00
2	Road	28/06/24	22.00	07/07/24	05.00
	Shipping	28/06/24	22.00	07/07/24	05.00
	Rail	29/06/24	01.00	07/07/24	04.00
3	Road	12/07/24	22.00	15/07/24	05.00
	Shipping	12/07/24	22.00	15/07/24	05.00
	Rail	13/07/24	01.00	15/07/24	04.00
4	Road	19/07/24	22.00	28/07/24	05.00
	Shipping	19/07/24	22.00	28/07/24	05.00
	Rail	20/07/24	01.00	28/07/24	04.00

Broadcasts to alert river traffic of the closures will be made regularly by Medway VTS on VHF Ch.74 during the periods shown above. Kingsferry Bridge will be communicating the upcoming closures with river users on VHF Ch.10.

Whilst, at certain states of the tide, it will be possible for some craft to pass under the bridge it is strongly recommended that this is not tried due to the low, but present, risk of an item falling from the work area onto a vessel passing beneath.

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Admiralty Chart Number 2572 refers.

Further information may be obtained from Medway VTS on VHF Channel 74, call sign "Medway VTS" or telephone 0151 949 6148 or 0151 949 6650 (**Recorded Lines**) or from Kingsferry Bridge on VHF Channel 10.

**Marine Operations Department
Peel Ports London Medway**

10th June 2024