

NOTICE TO MARINERS

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PORT OF LIVERPOOL

REINSTATEMENT OF THE ALEXANDRA–LANGTON SWING BRIDGE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Alexandra–Langton Swing Bridge will become fully operational at 12.00 on 16 February 2025. At this time, the bridge will be swung closed for use by road traffic and will be opened for vessel traffic on request.

Because this bridge marks the demarcation point between the Gladstone and Langton Dockmasters' areas of responsibility, with immediate effect, requests to open swing bridges must be made to the Dockmasters as follows:

Swing Bridge	Short Name	Dockmaster to call:	
		Southbound Vessels	Northbound Vessels
Hornby–Alexandra	Hornby Bridge	Gladstone (VHF Ch. 5)	Gladstone (VHF Ch. 5)
Alexandra–Langton	Alexandra Bridge	Langton (VHF Ch. 21)	Gladstone (VHF Ch. 5)
Canada–Huskisson	Canada Bridge	Langton (VHF Ch. 21)	Langton (VHF Ch. 21)

For vessels requiring swings of successive bridges under the control of the same Dockmaster (i.e. Hornby Bridge followed by Alexandra Bridge or Canada Bridge followed by Alexandra Bridge), the requests for swings of each bridge must be made separately. Under normal circumstances, a Dockmaster will not have more than one bridge under that Dockmaster's control in motion at any time.

Mariners calling a Dockmaster to report that their vessel is clear of a particular bridge must follow recognized VHF communications protocols (i.e. call > wait for response > pass message) and clearly identify the bridge to which the message relates.

Owing to the differing transit speeds of vessels through the docks, mandating fixed points for requesting bridge swings may cause unnecessary delays to either vessel or road traffic. Therefore, the timing of requesting bridge swings will be left to the mariners' judgement. Subject to levels of road traffic (which affect how quickly the traffic barriers can be lowered), all three bridges take approximately five minutes to open.

Until 12.00 on 16 February 2025, communications checks and test swings of the Alexandra Bridge will be undertaken, details of which will be provided by the Dockmasters to vessels underway within the docks.

Notice to Mariners №74/2024 has been withdrawn.