

## NOTICE TO MARINERS

### 2024/2025 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.

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

Date of Barrier closure	Day	Estimated closure timeframe
04 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Wednesday	10:00 – 14:00 (GMT)
18 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Wednesday	11:00 – 14:00 (GMT)
07 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Tuesday	13:00 – 17:00 (GMT)
16 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Thursday	12:00 – 14:00 (GMT)
04 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Tuesday	12:00 – 16:00 (GMT)
19 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Wednesday	13:00 – 16:00 (GMT)
04 <sup>th</sup> March 2025 *	Tuesday	07:30 – 12:30 (GMT)
05 <sup>th</sup> March 2025 *	Wednesday	08:00 – 13:30 (GMT)
19 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Wednesday	12:00 – 15:00 (GMT)
02 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025	Wednesday	12:00 – 16:00 (BST)
17 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Thursday	12:00 – 15:00 (BST)
01 <sup>st</sup> May 2025	Thursday	11:00 – 15:00 (BST)
22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2025	Thursday	11:00 – 14:00 (BST)
12 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Thursday	10:00 – 14:00 (BST)
26 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Thursday	11:00 – 14:00 (BST)
10 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Thursday	09:00 – 13:00 (BST)
24 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Thursday	10:00 – 13:00 (BST)
12 <sup>th</sup> August 2025	Tuesday	11:00 – 15:00 (BST)
27 <sup>th</sup> August 2025	Wednesday	12:30 – 15:30 (BST)
10 <sup>th</sup> September 2025 *	Wednesday	07:00 – 12:30 (BST)
11 <sup>th</sup> September 2025 *	Thursday	08:00 – 13:30 (BST)
<b>Note(s):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* indicates Barrier gate closures at low water.</li> <li>Closure timeframes listed are approximate and may change as a result of particular operational requirements or due to weather or tidal influences.</li> <li>Occasionally closures may be cancelled or rescheduled at short notice. We will endeavour to inform you such occurrences.</li> <li>The closure schedule provided does not include instances where the Ipswich Barrier is required to be closed for tidal flood defence purposes.</li> </ul>		

**Divisional Assistant Harbour Master East Anglia**

**02 December 2024**

**Notice to Mariners Currently in Force:**

**2004:**11 **2005:** 5 **2006:** 10 **2008:**8, 9 **2010:** 3, 8 **2019:**10 **2022:** 6 **2023:** 19, 29, 30, **2024:** 01,09a,19,34