

SAFETY ALERT

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SUBJECT	Thames Tideway Navigation Hazard – Industrial Works Barges
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Industrial Works Barges

Several serious incidents have occurred this year on the Thames Tideway resulting in paddlers being swept under industrial works barges on the Tideway. These are large working platforms servicing the building of the Thames Tideway Tunnel. A photograph of a typical site is included in the safety information below.

They are moored at a number of points on both banks of the river and require paddlers to take action to avoid them. They pose a significant hazard when the tide is running and must actively be avoided. A safe passing distance from these barges is a minimum of 10 metres.

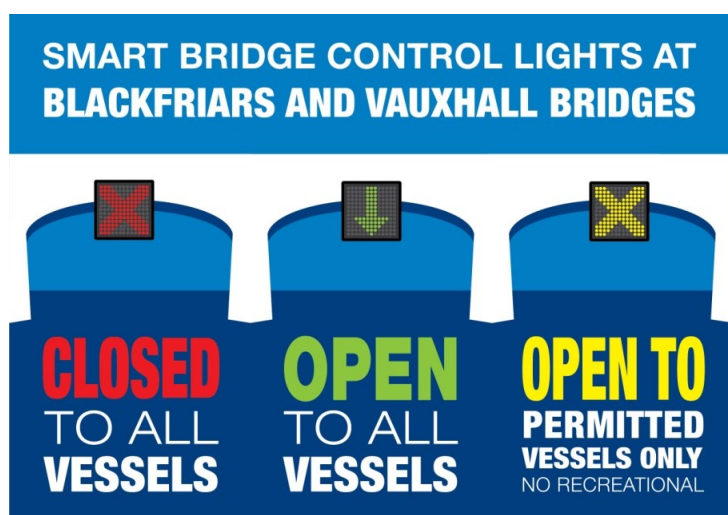
The Port of London Authority and British Canoeing have issued additional safety advice to paddlers advising on the location of the barges and action to be taken.

https://www.britishcanoeing.org.uk/uploads/documents/PLA-Barge_safety.pdf

Blackfriars and Vauxhall Bridges

To manage the flow and safe passage of all river traffic, whether commercial or recreational, The Port of London Authority has introduced new smart bridge control lights to Blackfriars and Vauxhall Bridges.

These lights actively control the flow of river traffic in both directions and must be followed to navigate the river safely and avoid collisions.



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