

# Port of Sharpness

## Local Notice to Mariners

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This notice supersedes and cancels LNtM 004-2025 regarding the arrangements for managing Low Level Bridge in the recent heatwave.

The weather is a little cooler at present, but Low-Level Bridge should still be considered unreliable for the time being.

The Port team will continue doing all they can do open the bridge(s) for customers as early as can be arranged in the mornings, irrespective of tide times, but subject to availability of layby space at Sharpness.

You may be aware that the heatwave has also severely affected flows in the River Severn, which is impacting The Trust's water supply at Gloucester and has led to lockage restrictions there.

Our ability to pump water into the canal is restricted under the Drought Management Plan and regrettably we must also restrict lockage at Sharpness for pleasure craft. Consequently, customers operating pleasure boats will be required to share transit through the Port with ships as much as possible.

Please contact the Pierhead on 01453 0511968 at least 24 hours in advance, to discuss your arrangements.

Our Team will coordinate transit as soon as they can, but delays of unknown duration should be expected.

**Rob Eaton**

Harbour Master, Sharpness Port Authority

Owners, Agents and Charterers should ensure that the contents of this Notice are made known to the Masters, or persons in charge of their vessels or craft.

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