

NOTICE TO MARINERS

No. 13 – 2024 – (Updated 25th March 2024)

River Medway – Chatham Dock Temporary Suspension of Service

Following our previous notices on the temporary closure of Chatham locks, the initial investigation has been undertaken and identified a catastrophic failure of the hauling gear and gearboxes of the North Locks Outer Gate has occurred. This failure has been attributed to a vessel collision with the outer lock gate from an untraceable event.

Although we are still in the process of identifying the most appropriate route to bring the locks back into operation, we feel it is appropriate to give you the advance notification that this closure has been estimated to be for a period of up to six to nine months while the works are procured and delivered.

We appreciate your patience while these works are being undertaken and apologies for any inconvenience this is causing to the users of Chatham docks

Notice is hereby given that: due to an unforeseen issue identified with the north lock outer caisson, Chatham Docks will be closed to navigation and unable to accept any vessel movements until further notice.

The cause of the issue is currently subject to an engineering inspection, as soon as the scale of the issue is ascertained a further notice will be promulgated updating stakeholders with expected timescales for rectification.

**Marine Operations Department
Peel Ports London Medway**

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