

NOTICE TO MARINERS

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HARBOUR AND PORT OF MANCHESTER

AIRDRAFT RESTRICTIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the attention of Mariners is drawn to the airdraft restrictions applicable to vessels navigating in the Port of Manchester.

Eastham Locks (incl. Queen Elizabeth II Dock) to Runcorn Docks

No restrictions.

Upstream of Runcorn Docks to downstream of Trafford Road Bridge

In normal conditions, a vessel with an airdraft not exceeding 21.33m should be able to pass under all fixed high-level bridges, raised lift bridges and associated gauge wires.

A vessel with an airdraft exceeding 21.33m will not be permitted to navigate until the vessel's airdraft is reduced to 21.33m or less. A reduction of airdraft achieved via adjustment of trim should be considered carefully and must not affect adversely the view ahead from the steering position or the handling characteristics of the vessel.

However, a vessel may be permitted to navigate with an airdraft exceeding 21.33m if, for example, the vessel is shifting between berths and the intended transit does not require the vessel to pass under any fixed high-level bridge, raised lift bridge or gauge wire.

Small craft are expected to navigate under the swing bridges and lift bridges whilst those bridges are in their closed positions. Mariners intending to navigate under a swing bridge or lift bridge in its closed position must satisfy themselves that there is sufficient clearance for their vessels to pass safely.