

NOTICE TO MARINERS

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PORT OF LIVERPOOL

ALFRED DOCK 100' PASSAGEWAY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that work is progressing within the Alfred Dock 100' passageway to enable installation of the replacement passageway gates.

During the two distinct phases of work, the following restrictions will apply:

Limpet dam on the passageway sides

Until 6 August 2025, a limpet dam will be positioned on the sides of the passageway; initially on the south side, followed by the north side. While the limpet dam is in place, vessel transits of the passageway will be limited to between 19.15 and 06.45 daily. The maximum acceptable vessel beam will be limited to 19m.

Tunnel over the passageway sill

Between 7 August and 21 August 2025, a tunnel will be positioned on the bed of the passageway over the sill. While the tunnel is in place, vessel transits of the passageway will be limited to between 19.15 and 06.45 daily. The maximum acceptable vessel beam will be limited to 19m with a maximum draught of 6.0m (to provide adequate clearance between a vessel's keel and the tunnel). The acceptance of vessels without operational bow thrusters and with beams of 16m to 19m will be subject to compulsory consultation with a Liverpool Pilot.

While the limpet dam and tunnel are in place, vessels must transit the passageway at minimum safe speed through the water.

To install and remove the limpet dam and tunnel, where this work cannot be undertaken between tides, there will be short-duration closures of the passageway, which the Dockmaster and the contractor will coordinate. Masters and shipowners (or their agents) will be advised of such closures when they contact the Dockmaster to make a lock booking.

Unless notice is given to the contrary, a further Notice will be issued when the work involving the limpet dam and tunnel is complete.