

NOTICE TO MARINERS

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HARBOUR AND PORT OF MANCHESTER

REDUCED CLEARANCE AT THE WARBURTON HIGH LEVEL BRIDGE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, with immediate effect, the maximum aircraft for vessels passing under the Warburton High Level Bridge will be limited to **19.8m** at the normal water level of the Ship Canal.

When intending to pass under the Warburton High Level Bridge, and before passing Runcorn Docks when inward bound or leaving a berth when outward bound, masters must satisfy themselves that their vessel's aircraft does not exceed 19.8m and that the water level measured at Latchford Locks (which can be obtained from Eastham Port Control, VHF Ch. 14) does not exceed 8,990mm. If a Manchester Pilot has the conduct of a vessel, the master must confirm the aircraft calculation with the Manchester Pilot.

This restriction is required while scaffolding is in place under the bridge's road deck as part of the major bridge refurbishment works that are being undertaken.

While personnel are working on the scaffolding over the Ship Canal, a safety boat will be in attendance (call sign "Warburton Safety Boat"); however, when large vessels pass under the bridge, personnel will vacate the scaffolding.

Further updates will be given as the refurbishment work progresses and the aircraft restriction can be eased.

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