

## NOTICE TO MARINERS – No. 12 2022

### PORT OF GREAT YARMOUTH

#### Haven Bridge Mechanical Fault - Update

MARINERS ARE HEREBY ADVISED that Norfolk County Council (the owner of Haven Bridge) has released a public information update on the progress of upgrade works, which is appended to this notice.

On behalf of **Harbour Master**

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# Public Information

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**Norfolk County Council**

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## **Haven Bridge, Great Yarmouth – Upgrade Programme Update**

The major mechanical and electrical upgrade of the 92-year-old Haven Bridge is ongoing with a number of key milestones in the complex upgrade now completed including the building and factory testing of the bespoke control system for the lifting bridge. Until the essential project is complete the bridge will not be able to lift for river traffic, however the road over the bridge remains open to vehicles and pedestrians as normal.

We are working closely with all the specialist contractors involved in the project and the whole supply chain, to bring the bridge back into normal operation as soon as possible. However, there have been a number of significant delays due to several factors throughout the project.

Three key issues have impacted the Haven Bridge project.

1. The specialist contractor delivering works went into administration last summer, halting the project until a replacement could be appointed. This saw the expected completion pushed back to March 2022.
2. Four separate flooding events over winter caused by exceptionally high tides incurred further delays pushing the completion date to May 2022.
3. Well publicised pressures and delays and shortages in national and international supply chains have significantly impacted the construction industry, including the Haven Bridge upgrade. This has meant that the major project will now be completed during Summer 2022.

This means that we now expect work on the bridge to be completed this summer with necessary testing and commissioning work being carried out during this period. The bridge will then be brought back into normal operation for both road and river traffic.

We are very aware of the disruption being caused to mariners with the bridge out of operation for a prolonged period, and apologise to all river users and businesses who have been affected.

This comprehensive upgrade will resolve many of the issues caused by the lifting bridge's ageing equipment, and improve reliability for residents and businesses in and around Great Yarmouth.

**For Further Information**

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