

Lock Gates Refurbishment Project

Procedures for berth holders during essential repair and refurbishment works

Work to the outer lock gates will take place September - December 2023, with preparatory work and site mobilisation starting week commencing August 28th 2023.

The schedule shows work taking place between 4th September 2023 – 8th December 2023, however the window during which access through the lock will be restricted is shorter - up to 12th November 2023.

Sutton Harbour Marina facilities and services will be unaffected during the works, however, passage through the lock will be constrained, and an [access timetable](#) has been agreed to allow for vessels to pass through at certain times of the day dependant on tides.

The following procedures are being put in place for Sutton Harbour Marina berth holders during the project, with the aim of maintaining operations in the harbour to the maximum extent possible, minimising disruption and ensuring the safety of vessels and harbour users.

- **Planning** – It is essential that skippers plan ahead for their passage through the Sutton Harbour lock during these essential works.
 - Check the updated Lock Gates access timetable on the Project Website: www.lockgates.info
 - Anticipate wherever possible delays, marginal weather or disruption and how this could impact your planned passage and ability to meet available access windows
 - If you are in any way unsure about your ability to get back on time, you are strongly advised not to start your journey
- **Sharing your plan** - All trips need to be logged with the Lock Tower, including and in particular the return times, for safety reasons and so that proper planning and monitoring can take place.

In the event that vessels miss the access window due to unforeseen circumstances, 80 m of emergency provisional berthing is available at King Point Marina (KPM) which can be used until the next available window of access through into the Sutton Harbour.

We must stress that this is an emergency back-up facility for vessels experiencing unforeseen delays and finding themselves outside the lock gates during periods of closure. For it to be available to those in need of it, the facility must not be treated as an alternative to properly accessing the Sutton Harbour Marina during the designated lock availability windows.

We also advise that vessels may opt to wait along the Barbican Landing Stage until free flow access into Sutton Harbour is possible. Vessels wishing to use this facility should notify Cattewater Harbour Commissioners on VHF channel 14, at the earliest opportunity who will advise on availability. Please note this facility is on a 'pay as you go' basis and availability will be after 6pm and before 8am. This facility is also available to other vessel operators and will be available on a first come, first served basis.

Access to the emergency back-up berthing at King Point Marina will be strictly controlled and coordinated through the Lock Tower.

Vessels requiring information or assistance should contact the Lock Tower 24/7 on VHF Ch 12, or 01752 204732, to discuss emergency berthing options.

