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Tidal Lock availability information The tidal locks at Bow, West India, Limehouse and Thames Lock at Brentford can only be used when Canal River Trust' staff are in attendance. This document identifies how our tidal locks can be used and how to contact us to book in your locking.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

All boaters should contact the appropriate lock office to book their use of the lock at least 24 hours in advance. If leaving a message please leave the date and time of your call, a contact name, the boat's name and a telephone number we can contact you on. Please also state which lock you would like to use, the direction in which you will be travelling and date and time locking is required.

The tidal locks will be **closed from 24th December until 2nd January** inclusive with a pre booking service only available if booked before 18th December.

This is done in conjunction with Limehouse, Bow and Three Mills tidal locks

ALL BOOKINGS must be confirmed with the lock office staff who will also be able to advise boaters on local conditions which might affect their journey.

All times in this booklet, including times for High Water have been adjusted for British Summer Time (BST) which runs from 29 March until 25 October 2015.

Entry into West India Dock requires full salvage cover / wreck removal insurance; third-party policies do not provide an acceptable level of cover.

Vessels will not be permitted to enter Canal River Trust' waters unless they have proof of a valid Boat Safety Certificate and current insurance cover with a minimum of £1m third-party liability. Boats entering the canal system will need to purchase a short-term licence on arrival. Craft are subject to standard licensing terms and conditions and other regulations.

General directions from the Port of London Authority make it compulsory for all boats over 13.7m (45ft) to be equipped with a VHF Radio when travelling on the tidal Thames.

Maximum craft dimensions for the Canal River Trust London region are, length: 21.95m (72'), beam: 3.96m (13'), air draft: 2.13m (7').

Please note – all the tidal locks are operated differently and have different contact details. Please see the information in the text boxes here to find out how to arrange to use Tidal Lock you need to travel through. The tables overleaf show tide times and when you can access Thames lock at Brentford.

Limehouse Lock

Manned (daily): Summer (1April–30 Sept) 08:00-18:00
Winter (1Oct-31March) 08:00-16:00

Out of hours availability Summer: 05:00-08:00 & 18:00-22:00
Winter: 05:00-08:00 & 16:00-22:00 (daily):

24 hours pre-booking required for out-of-hours locking in both summer and winter. All bookings must be confirmed with the lock keeper.

Enquiries & bookings: 020 7308 9930

High Water: As London Bridge

NB. Limehouse Lock is unavailable approximately two hours either side of Low Water.

USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS:

Teddington Lock: 020 8940 8723
Richmond Lock: 020 8940 0634
Tidal Thames 01474 562 200

OPERATIONAL EMERGENCIES (not lock bookings)

In the event of an emergency please call Canal River Trust Emergency Helpline on: 0800 47 999 47 and state the name of the waterway, exact location and nature of the problem.

Tidal predictions included in this material are based on PLA analysis

Bow Locks on the River Lee Navigation

Availability Approx 2 hrs either side of High Water between 05:00 and 22:00 only

24 hours pre-booking required at all times. All bookings must be confirmed with the lock keeper.

Enquiries & bookings: 020 7517 5570

High Water: As London Bridge

Thames Lock, Brentford

Summer (1Apr-30Sept): Lock available as on the 'Manned' table overleaf. Additional locking also available as on the 'Pre-booked' table overleaf.

Winter (1 Oct-31March): Lock available as on the 'Pre-booked' table overleaf.

24 hours pre-booking required for bookings in winter season. All bookings must be confirmed with the lock keeper.

Enquiries & bookings: 020 8568 2779

High Water: London Bridge plus approx 1hour

West India Dock Entrance, Isle of Dogs

Weekend bookings must be made before 12:00 on Friday. Boaters with a confirmed berth or booked visitor mooring are entitled to free-of-charge locking. This is available from one hour before to one hour after High Water between the hours of 07:00 and 16:30 except between 08:00 and 09:30 because of bridge lifting restrictions. Other locking times may be available but will be subject to a charge.

24 hours pre-booking required at all times. All bookings must be confirmed with the lock keeper.

Enquiries & bookings: 020 7517 5550

Out of hours lock enquiries: 020 7987 7260

High Water times: London Bridge minus approx 20 mins