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# Foxton Locks


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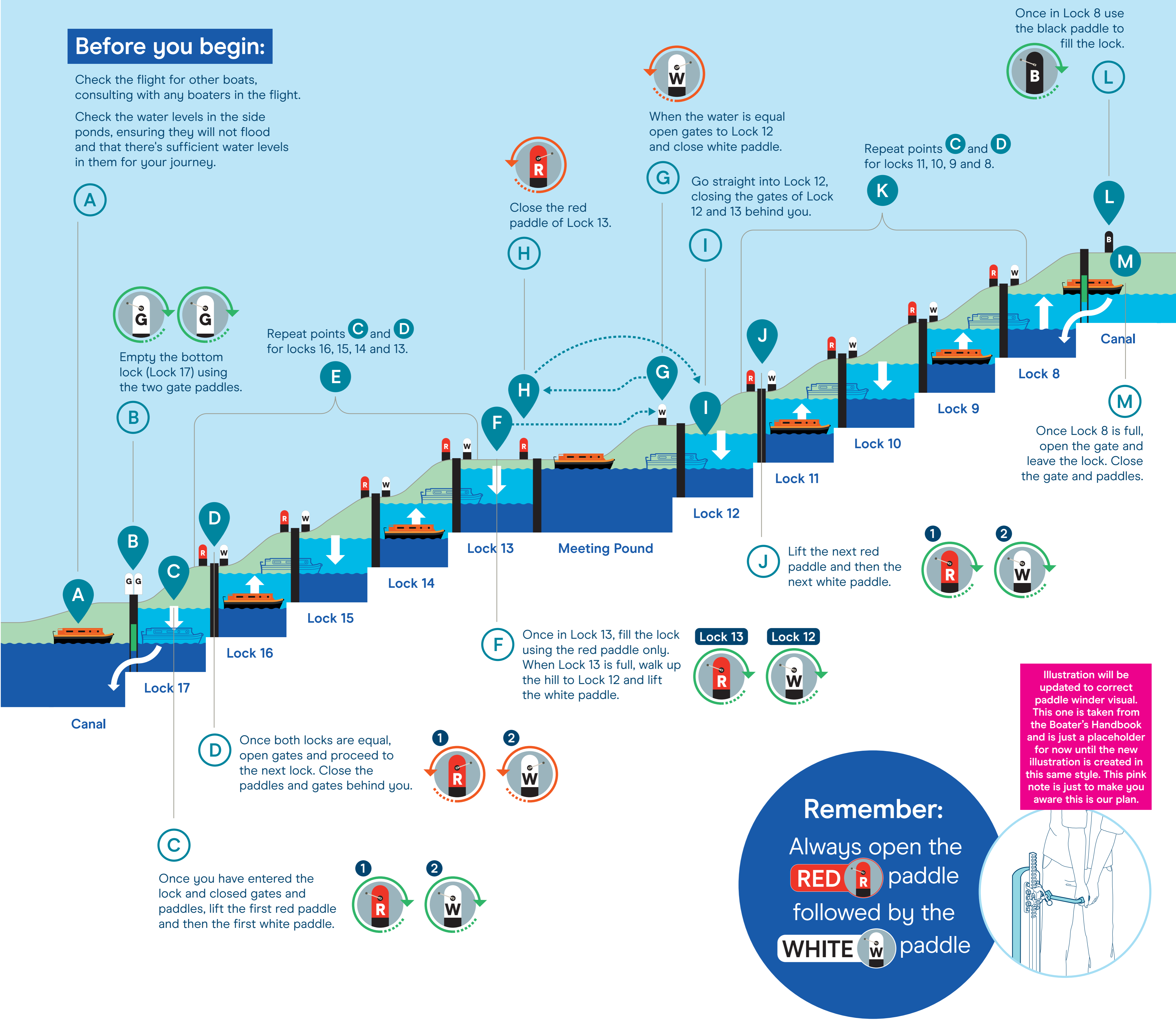
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### Remember:

Always open the **RED R** paddle followed by the **WHITE W** paddle

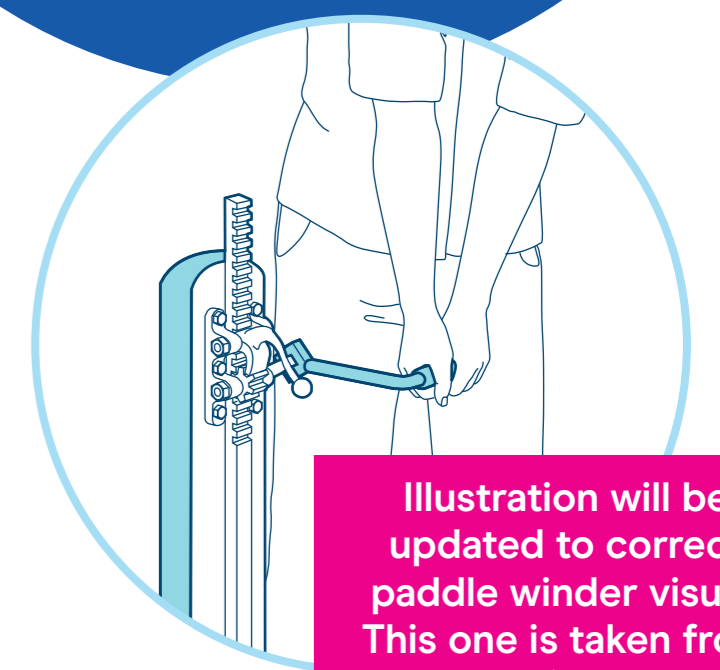
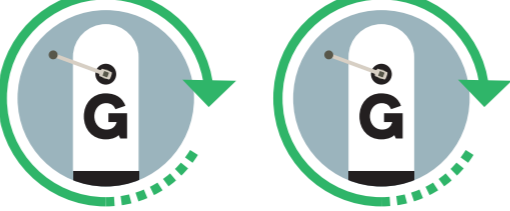





Illustration will be updated to correct paddle winder visual. This one is taken from the Boater's Handbook and is just a placeholder for now until the new illustration is created in this same style. This pink note is just to make you aware this is our plan.


**B** Empty the bottom lock (Lock 17) using the two gate paddles. 


**C** Once you have entered the lock and closed gates and paddles, lift the first red paddle and then the first white paddle. 


**D** Once both locks are equal, open gates and proceed to the next lock. Close the paddles and gates behind you. 

**E** Repeat points **C** and **D** for locks 16, 15, 14 and 13. 


**F** Once in Lock 13, fill the lock using the red paddle only. When lock 13 is full, walk up the hill to Lock 12 and lift the white paddle. 

**G** When the water is equal open gates to Lock 12 and close white paddle. 

**H** Close the red paddle of Lock 13, then go straight into Lock 12, closing the gates of Lock 12 and 13 behind you. 

**I** Lift the next red paddle and then the next white paddle. 

**J** Repeat points **C** and **D** for locks 11, 10, 9 and 8. 

**K** Once in Lock 8 use the black paddle to fill the lock. 

**L** Once Lock 8 is full, open the gate and leave the lock. Close the gate and paddles. 