

Bridge Lifts during Twin Sails outage – 11th July Update

This notice is issued on behalf of BCP Council and supersedes all other recent LNTMs relating to Bridge Lifts. LNTM 25 of 2024 is hereby cancelled.

MARINERS ARE ADVISED that, due to ongoing mechanical issues, BCP Council took the Twin Sails Bridge out of routine service and into the elevated position (open to vessels but closed to road traffic) since 17th May 2024. Since then, repair efforts to reinstate routine lifting have been ongoing with Poole Bridge lifting on an amended timetable to reduce the impacts of a single bridge being in operation on road traffic.

During a few short and well-advertised periods Poole Bridge lifts have also been suspended to enable completion of certain repair works that required the Twin Sails bridge to be kept in the lowered position. Significant progress was made during the most recent of these periods (from 9th -10th July) but further works are required to return the bridge to routine operations.

From today 11th July, and until a further notice is issued, Twin Sails will remain elevated and Poole Bridge will lift at the following times for vessels on station:

05.30	10.30	14.30	19.30
07.30	11.30	16.30	20.30 (weekends only)
08.30 (weekends only)	12.30	17.30 (weekend only)	21.30
09.30	13.30 (weekends only)	18.30	23.30

Vessels of sufficiently low air draft are free to pass under the lowered bridges at all times. Such vessels should check for current air drafts on signage, proceed with caution and can seek advice from Bridge Control (VHF 12).

Mariners are reminded that Radar, AIS, CCTV, Telephone and VHF Channels are recorded 24-7.

Owners, Agents, Charterers, Marinas, Yacht Clubs and Recreational Water Sport Organisations should ensure that the contents of this Notice are made known to the masters or persons in charge of their vessels or craft.

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