



Canal &  
River Trust

## Gloucester & Sharpness Canal Boating Information

*(Please be aware this information is subject to change and updates will be provided)*

### Gloucester Docks

#### Dredging

The dredging operation in Gloucester Docks has now finished and the restrictions associated with the operation have been lifted. Thank you for your patience and we apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

#### Tall Ships – 11 to 21 August

Four tall ships will be travelling along the Gloucester & Sharpness Canal into Gloucester Docks as outlined below ***(Please note the dates are provisional and may change)***. The ships will take around four hours to sail from Sharpness to the Docks.

Tall Ship	Arrival Date (Sharpness)	G&S	Departure
Tall Ship 1	Wednesday 13 August (AM)	Wednesday 13 August (AM/PM)	Thursday 21 August
Tall Ship 2	Wednesday 13 August (AM)	Wednesday 13 August (AM/PM)	Thursday 21 August
Tall Ship 3	Friday 15 August (AM)	Friday 15 August (AM/PM)	Thursday 21 August
Tall Ship 4	Friday 15 August (AM)	Friday 15 August (PM)	Thursday 21 August

Canal & River Trust is working with the Captains of the ships to make the ships passage along the canal as safe as possible and have identified a number of zones (primarily Saul Junction, the approach to Gloucester Docks, bridges & bends) where a tall ship may find the navigation more onerous. 'No mooring' signs will be erected at Saul Junction and Gloucester to highlight these locations.

In view of this Canal & River Trust is asking boaters to take particular care where they moor along the canal and where possible to avoid these areas. Boaters are also advised that the tall ships may cause a significant wash and should consider this when tying up.

The size, manoeuvrability and stopping distance of the tall ships means it is important that their passage is not obstructed, particularly on the approach to the bridges. Please ensure priority is given to the tall ships at all times and follow the advice of Canal & River Trust bridge-keepers who will be assisting with passage. If you have a VHF Radio please keep this switched on for regular updates. (Channel 74)

Please note the **Sainsbury visitor moorings** will be closed on **Wednesday 13 and Friday 15 August** while the Tall Ships move into Gloucester Docks.

### **Gloucester Dock & Llanthony Bridge – Monday 18 August**

Please be aware that on **Monday 18 August** Gloucester Docks, Llanthony Bridge and Gloucester Lock will only be open as follows:

7.30am – 9am

7pm to 8pm

Outside of these hours the docks will be closed and no boat movement will be permitted.

### **Visitor Moorings (in the Dock) – 17 to 18 August**

All visitor moorings within the dock will be suspended from **3pm on Sunday 17 August until 9pm on Monday 18 August**. Please also be aware the Queen Boadicea and King Arthur trip boats will be operating from Merchants Quay (not the front of the Museum) from **Monday 11 August** until **Saturday 23 August**.

Boats will be able to moor in the Docks on the visitor pontoons and quaysides either side of the above dates although space will be limited until the tall ships depart.

### **Visitor Moorings (outside the Dock)**

Visitor moorings on **Baker's Quay (outside of Llanthony Bridge)** will be closed from **Sunday 17 August (9am)** until **Tuesday 19 August (12 noon)** as the Queen Boadicea and King Arthur trip boats will be moored at this location.

If you are planning to visit Gloucester by boat over the next few weeks we strongly advise you call **01452 312143 (8am to 7pm)** in advance to check mooring availability. If you have any questions or require further information please call the Canal & River Trust on 01452 318008, visit [www.canalrivertrust.org.uk](http://www.canalrivertrust.org.uk) or in an emergency call 0800 47 999 47.

Thank you for your help in advance and we apologise for any inconvenience caused.