

NOTICE TO MARINERS

Thomas Clarke (East Link) Bridge

GENERAL

Communication with the operator can be made on VHF radio Channels 12 or 13, Call Sign **EAST LINK**.

Width of opening span 31.5 metres

Clearance under bridge 6.35 metres above Chart Datum (1.85 metres at H.A.T.)

The Port Traffic signals used for the lifting span are as follows:

3 Vertical Red Lights to mean vessels shall not proceed.

3 Vertical Green Lights to mean vessels may proceed. (One way traffic only).

3 vertical Red Lights FLASHING to mean Emergency – all vessels stop or divert.

OPENING

The opening times of the Thomas Clarke (East Link) Bridge are restricted to the following:

Monday to Friday:

00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23

No Opening Between 0600 to 1000 & 1500 to 2000

Bridge will be opened for Commercial and Leisure craft when required but subject to:

- The specified 'no opening' times.
- Minimum of two (2) hours' notice.
- Road traffic at that time.

If tugs are being used then the latest opening time will be 30 minutes earlier than the stated no opening time.

Saturday & Sunday:

Bridge will be opened for Commercial and Leisure craft subject to

- Minimum of two (2) hours' notice.
- Road traffic at that time.

These restrictions may be varied on a case-by-case basis, depending upon circumstance, and only with the permission of the Harbour Master.

Due to essential maintenance, the Thomas Clarke (East Link) Bridge will out of service from **07 October** until **01 November**.

The bridge will remain in the closed position throughout this period and will not be available for bridge lifts.

VTS will keep all vessels updated and advise of any relevant information on VHF Channel 12. This notice will be updated on completion of these works.

Captain Michael McKenna | Harbour Master | 26 September 2024