Bus services 9 and 152 will continue to operate on their existing route and timetable via Poole Bridge. However, when this bridge lifts buses will divert via Twin Sails to ensure faster and more reliable journey times for passengers.

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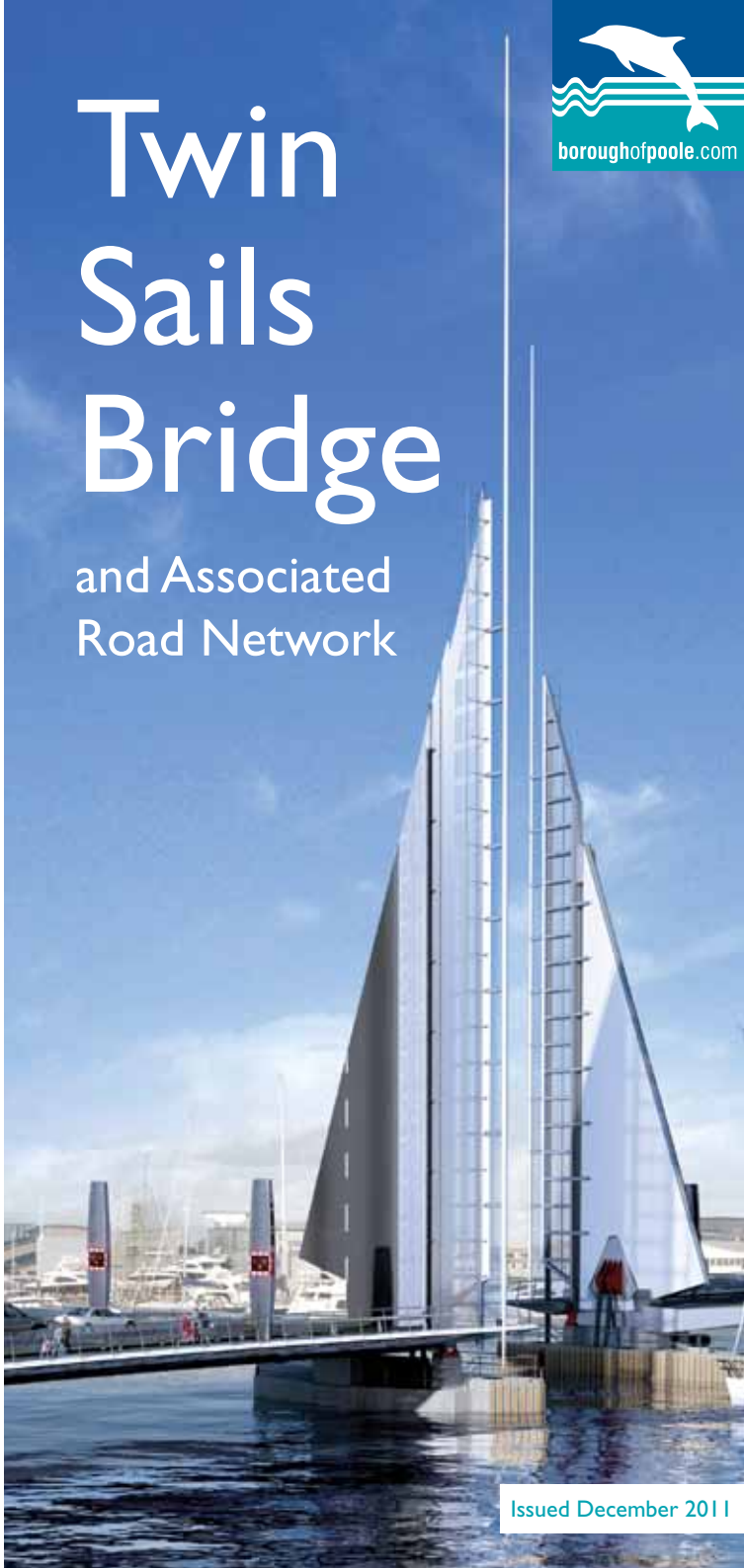
Twin Sails Bridge

and Associated Road Network



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Changes to traffic routes between Poole Town and Hamworthy

With the opening of the new Twin Sails Bridge in the new year, journeys between Hamworthy and Poole are due to become easier for all travellers including cyclists and pedestrians.

The Twin Sails Bridge has been designed to ease congestion caused by the narrower Poole Bridge. Through traffic, including heavy goods vehicles, will be directed by means of variable message signs towards the new bridge providing it is not raised for marine traffic entering Backwater Channel.

At least one bridge will be open to traffic at all times, except in very unusual circumstances.

- On approaching the area from either Hamworthy or the town centre, variable message signs will indicate which bridge is available.
- Flashing lights will be displayed on the variable message signs to indicate when one bridge is closed. At all other times both bridges will be available.
- The operation of the traffic signals will be linked to keep traffic flowing as efficiently as possible as well as aiding pedestrian and cycle movement. The system will result in more reliable journey times, irrespective of the time of day, by improving traffic flow reliability.
- Residents who live within the area covered by these signs should observe the general direction of traffic on the approach roads.
- A full schedule of lifting times is available at www.boroughofpoole.com/bridgelifts

The current night time lorry ban on Blandford Road will be extended to 24 hours a day, on the basis that there will always be a route available for vehicles leaving the port.

The mid-section of West Street will become one-way only towards the Twin Sails Bridge. Bay Hog Lane and the newly constructed Marston Road will provide for simplified traffic movements to and from the bridges.

The new Rigler Road /Twin Sails Bridge link from Blandford Road to West Quay Road will have footways and dedicated on-road cycle lanes in both directions.

The new Bay Hog Lane and Marston Road layout provides for pedestrian and cyclists on all roads. Pedestrian crossing facilities will be provided where possible, with further crossings planned as future development takes place.

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