Significance of Signals

A red signal shall convey the prohibition that vessels shall not proceed beyond the signal.

A flashing red signal shall indicate a serious emergency and shall convey the prohibition that vessels shall not proceed beyond the signal.

A green signal shall indicate that vessels may proceed beyond the signal.

A red-with-yellow signal shall indicate that vessels may proceed with caution beyond the signal.

Signal	Meaning
● ● ●	3 reds Vessels shall not proceed beyond the signal
((●)) ((●)) ((●))	3 flashing reds Emergency stop - Vessels shall not proceed beyond the signal
● ● ●	3 greens Vessels may proceed beyond the signal
● ● ● ●	Yellow + 3 reds Vessels may proceed with caution beyond the signal

Mariners should only pass the bridges through the lifting spans.

Contacts

Control Room Duty Operator

Telephone: 01202 733255
Email: boroughoperationscentre@poole.gov.uk
www.boroughofpoole.com

VHF Channel 12
Call sign "Poole Bridge"

Poole Harbour Control

Telephone: 01202 440230
www.phc.co.uk

VHF Channel 14
Call sign "Poole Harbour Control"

The arrangements for unscheduled lifts for vessels over 40m in length are as previously published - details on **www.boroughofpoole.com**

Mariners are advised to read the Byelaw which can be viewed at **www.phc.co.uk**

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Poole Lifting Bridges

Operation of Poole Bridge and Twin Sails Bridge

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The Two Bridge System

With the opening of the Twin Sails Bridge, Poole now has two lifting bridges crossing the Backwater Channel. The lifting schedules, developed by the Bridges Operating Board, have been approved by the Council who have the responsibility to operate the two bridges.

Both bridges have IALA marine traffic signals (as fitted to Poole Bridge last year), VHF Channels, public address systems and CCTV to assist the operators.

The bridges will be operated in a way that minimises disruption to mariners but normally has one bridge open to highway traffic.

The Harbour Master has been involved in the development of the operating procedures for the two bridge system and retains overall responsibility for maritime safety.

Winter Schedule

(1st October to 31st March)
Monday to Sunday

Twin Sails	Poole Bridge
05:30	05:45
06:30	06:45
07:30	07:45
09:30	09:45
10:30	10:45
12:30	12:45
13:00	
14:00	14:15
16:15	16:00
18:15	18:00
19:15	19:00
21:15	21:00

Short term berths are available on the Hamworthy side of the channel for use if mariners are having difficulty holding station between the two bridges. Be aware of possible crossing traffic when proceeding to the short term berths.

Summer Schedule

(1st April to 30th September)

Monday to Friday (except Bank Holidays)		Weekends and Bank Holidays	
Twin Sails	Poole Bridge	Twin Sails	Poole Bridge
		05:30	
05:30	05:45	06:30	05:45
06:30	06:45	07:30	06:45
07:30	07:45	08:30	07:45
		09:30	09:00
09:30	09:45	10:30	10:00
10:30	10:45	11:30	11:00
11:30	11:45	12:30	12:00
12:30	12:45	13:30	13:00
13:00		14:30	14:00
14:30	14:45	15:30	15:00
16:15	16:00	16:30	16:00
		17:30	17:00
18:15	18:00	18:30	18:00
19:15	19:00	19:30	19:00
20:15	20:00	20:30	20:00
21:15	21:00	21:15	21:00
22:15	22:00	22:15	22:00
23:15	23:00	23:15	23:00

Times shown in red are the start of the lifting sequence. Blue times are indicative as the second bridge will be lifted as soon as the first is reopened to road traffic.

Mariners are advised to be on station in good time.