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Passage through the Rance Barrage Lock-the recommendations of the UNAN-Manche for a minimum bridge lift time in order to limit traffic jams on the road and thus avoid prefectural bans on bridge lifts.



Consult the EDF website for the procedure for passing through the lock <https://www.edf.fr/usine-maremotrice-rance/presentation>

1. Communications :

Monitor and if possible call on VHF channel 13 or Tel. 02 99 16 37 37 Listen and comply with the information provided by the lock keeper by loud speaker, he is there to facilitate your maneuvers. He has authority, he takes care of your safety, be courteous.

2. Good practices :

- Prepare your boat before entering the lock:
- Port and starboard mooring lines
- Fenders also on port and starboard

Help each other with docking and mooring. Assist single handed sailors.

3. Passage from Rance to the sea :

Order of entry, at the green light:

Boats with low air draft enter first and advance to the bridge or even pass under the bridge.

Moor if possible on starboard to leave as soon as the bridge starts to lift.

Exiting the lock:

Prepare to cast off the moorings as soon as the bridge starts to lift, exit by keeping to starboard to make room for incoming boats.

4. Passage from the sea to the Rance :

Leave the waiting buoys as soon as road barriers are lowered, do not wait for the green light to approach the lock.

Order of entry, at the green light :

Sailboats and boats with a high air draft enter first and advance as close as possible to the lock gates.

5. Particularity :

From 8 p.m. to 5 a.m., the lock operates only on request made with 30 minutes' notice by direct call to the lock keeper.

Intermediate lock on the 1/2 hour on request to the lockkeeper, may be possible according to the air draft of your boat, the height of water in the lock and a small difference in level between the sea and the Rance basin.

6. Security : Respect the prohibited zone (Red buoys) and beware of strong currents generated by the opening of sluices or turbines.

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THANK YOU FOR BEING CIVIL.**

