

Sailing stopped on the River Yonne from 8 August to 29 September 2013

Following an incident on Thursday 8 August in the area where work is being carried out on Saint Bond Dam, located near Sens, it will not be possible to sail on the River Yonne between Rosoy Lock (PK 60.5) and Saint Bond Lock (PK 65.5) until the end of September. Users, and pleasure craft sailors in particular, are kindly advised to seek alternative routes in order to avoid this area.

On 8 August, an incident occurred on the site where Saint Bond Dam is being rebuilt, causing damage to the lock wall adjacent to the dam and also resulting in the water level lowering on this bief. No injuries were reported and the incident was quickly brought under control.

Voies navigables de France, the Contracting Authority, and the construction company (Bouygues) have taken the first steps to ensure that the dam and lock are both watertight once again. The dam rebuilding work is due to resume at the end of August with the whole repair project scheduled to be completed by 29 September, the date when the lock closure period (from 2 to 29 September) on the Yonne finishes. The locks are closed once a year in order to carry out maintenance work on the river's dams requiring the river to be completely dry.

