

NOTICE TO MARINERS

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Sheerness Harbour – No.1 Berth Diving Operations.

Notice is hereby given that the expected completion date for the UXO mitigation dive survey work at Sheerness No.1 berth has been extended. Diving operations are due to recommence on Tuesday 2nd January 2024 with an expected completion date of Friday 19th January 2024. The dive exclusion zone and vessel safety precautions stated below remain extant.

Notice is hereby given that diving operations are due to take place at Sheerness No.1 berth. As part of the project to remove the existing piles and fenders from Sheerness No.1 berth and then install new berth face piles, a UXO mitigation dive survey is required. Diving operations will commence 4th December 2023 with expected completion on or around 15th December 2023. Divers will enter and exit the water via a man riding basket from the quayside, however, a safety boat will be on site as a secondary means of recovery if required, the GPS MACS dive supervisor and safety boat will maintain a listening watch on VHF Ch.74 at all times.

Whilst diving operations are underway all vessels are required to transit the work area no closer than 30 meters from the berth edge.

All passing vessels are required to navigate with extreme caution, maintain a listening watch on VHF CH.74 at all times and reduce their speed and wash accordingly.

Vessels arriving and departing on adjacent Sheerness berths are advised to check the status of diving operations prior to manoeuvring.



Admiralty Chart No. 3683 refers.

Further information may be obtained from Medway VTS on VHF Channel 74, call sign "Medway VTS" or telephone 0151 949 6148 or 0151 949 6650. **(Recorded Lines)**

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