

NOTICE TO MARINERS

No. 18 – 2024 (Updated 02.05.2024)

Sheerness Harbour – No.4 Berth Bore Hole Drilling Operations

Notice is hereby given that the Skylift 2 barge will shortly be moved into position in order to complete the 3 bore hole drills highlighted by the red circles in the chart below. Skylift is expected to be moved on or around 7th May 2024 to commence work on these locations. Once in position the barge will be “spudded down” and left on site whilst each individual bore hole is completed, each location will take approx. 2-3 days to complete. The barge will be unmanned overnight but will be illuminated with deck working lights making it conspicuous, however, due to it’s exposed position, all vessels are requested to pass Sheerness No.4 berth with caution reducing their speed and wash accordingly.

Notice is hereby given that bore hole drilling operations will be taking place in Sheerness Harbour. The drilling works are due to commence on or around 17th April 2024 with completion expected within 2 – 3 weeks. Work will be conducted from the “Skylift 2” crane barge which will be accompanied by the tug “Pullmor” and safety boat WSB RECOVERY and/or WSB RESPOND. Whilst on site, the works team will maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 74 at all times.

Skylift Crane Barge



5 no. bore holes will be drilled in the approximate locations marked on the image below, whilst in position and working, all passing vessels are required to navigate with caution and adhere to navigational safety requests as specified by Medway VTS.



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 **(Recorded Line)**.

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2nd May 2024.