NOTICE TO MARINERS

No. 08 – 2019

RIVER MEDWAY – MEDWAY APPROACH CHANNEL

SS RICHARD MONTGOMERY WRECK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that from 19th January 2019 to 28th February 2019, EGS International Ltd. will be undertaking, on behalf of the MCA and Receiver of Wreck, a detailed sonar survey of the SS Richard Montgomery wreck and have obtained permission to enter the prohibited area. All survey work will be carried out by the EGS Watchful (callsign MAQK4; MMSI 232006596; fitted with AIS Class A) who will be keeping a listening watch on VHF Channels 16 & 74.

As part of the survey, EGS Watchful will also be operating within the restricted sector to survey and check the oceanographic recording equipment that is located on the seabed just outside the Wreck Exclusion Zone in position 51° 28.086’N 000° 46.914’E.
Mariners are reminded this equipment consists of a seabed Lander marked by 3 red buoys and remains deployed NW of the Wreck Exclusion Zone until 1st June 2019.

All mariners are requested to keep a minimum of 4 cables clear by navigating outside the area bounded by the sector marked above based on Admiralty chart 3683 – Sheerness and Approaches. They should also be mindful that due to the nature of her work, EGS Watchful is restricted in her ability to manoeuvre as required by the Rules and is therefore unable to keep out of the way of other vessels. Mariners are advised to slow down, maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 74 and navigate with caution keeping well clear when passing.

Further information can be obtained from Medway VTS on VHF Channel 74 (Callsign “Medway VTS”) or telephone 0151 949 6148 or 0151 949 6650.

Marine Operations Department
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16th January 2019