

# NOTICE TO MARINERS

## No. 42 – 2020

### Sheerness Docks – Garrison Point Upgrade of Traffic Warning Lights

**Notice is hereby given that:** The operating system and switch gear for the traffic warning lights at Garrison point has been upgraded. Control of the lights will be managed by Medway VTS based at the Group Port Control Centre in Liverpool and will be activated in compliance with Medway General Direction No.10.

#### GENERAL DIRECTION NO.10

#### **NAVIGATION OF VESSELS OF MORE THAN 130 METRES LENGTH OVERALL BETWEEN SUNSET AND SUNRISE AND IN RESTRICTED VISIBILITY**

**10.1** Between sunset and sunrise and in conditions of Restricted Visibility, vessels of over 130 metres Length Overall are not permitted to pass or overtake each other in the Medway Approach Channel between No.4 Buoy and a drawn line 270° (True) from the 2FR (vert) lights adjacent to No 11 Berth Pontoon, Garrison Point.

**10.2** To assist vessels in complying with this General Direction, and with navigation generally, the Traffic Warning Lights at Garrison Point, flashing every seven seconds, are exhibited by day and by night, as follows:-

- (a) When an inward bound vessel of more than 130 metres Length Overall is underway in the buoyed channel between the Medway Buoy and Darnett Ness the lights are exhibited in an upriver direction;
- (b) When an outward bound vessel of more than 130 metres Length Overall is underway in the buoyed channel between Darnett Ness and the Medway Buoy the lights are exhibited in a seaward direction.

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 6650.

**Marine Operations Department  
Peel Ports London Medway**

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