

# NOTICE TO MARINERS

## No. 14 – 2024

### Sheerness Docks – No.11 Berth Tug Moorings Reduced Speed & Wash When Passing.

**Notice is hereby given that:** a recent incident occurred where 2 tugs that were moored at SD.11 berth parted their mooring lines and broke free. A contributing factor was found to be excessive wash caused by an outbound passing vessel. Both vessels were manned and the situation was managed swiftly and professionally, however, there was potential for the incident to have greater implications had circumstances been different.

Whilst there is not a speed restriction on this section of the river it has been historically accepted that passing ships and craft show consideration when passing the tug moorings due their exposed location and their need to berth 2 or 3 abreast.

**All vessels are reminded to reduce their speed and wash accordingly when passing Sheerness No.11 berth**



Admiralty Chart No. 3683 refers.

**Marine Operations Department  
Peel Ports London Medway**

**19<sup>th</sup> March 2024**