

NOTICE TO MARINERS

No. 48 – 2024 (Updated 19.09.24)

Approaches to Sheerness SS Richard Montgomery Wreck – Hydrographic Survey Work

Notice is hereby given that survey work is due to take place around the wreck of the SS Richard Montgomery, the SS Richard Montgomery is a designated dangerous wreck under section 2 of the Protection of Wrecks Act 1973 and there is a no-entry exclusion zone around the wreck, the co-ordinates of which are published in Statutory Instrument 1973 No 1690. Section 3 of the Act makes entry into the prohibited area an offence without the written permission of the Secretary of State.

Survey work is due to commence on Monday 16th September 2024 (outside of the exclusion zone) with completion expected by 26th September 2024. The survey vessel “**Lode**” will be conducting the survey and has been granted permission to enter the prohibited area for the purposes of carrying out a survey of the wreck and the immediate area of seabed surrounding the wreck. Permission to enter the prohibited area of the wreck is approved from 17th September 2024 and extends to 23rd September 2024.



Whilst surveying, “**Lode**” will be restricted in its ability to manoeuvre and will maintain a listening watch on VHF Ch.74 at all times, **all vessels are requested to pass with caution and reduce speed and wash appropriately.**

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**).

**Marine Operations Department
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12th September 2024.