

NOTICE TO MARINERS



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River Medway – Sheerness Docks

Sheerness Car Terminal

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the commissioning phase of the new Sheerness car terminal is continuing with berthing/mooring operations and procedures still being tested and refined.

Some of the berthing and pilotage parameters stipulated in Medway NtoM 22 of 2025, dated 20th June 2025, have been reviewed and the following now apply with immediate effect:

- **Tug requirements:** For flood tide arrivals and departures, the number of tugs has been reduced to two. Ebb tide arrivals will continue to require three tugs, while ebb tide departures have now been reduced to two tugs.
- **Night-time operations:** Both flood tide and ebb tide, night-time operations can proceed as and when required.
- **Pilot manning:** Flood tide arrivals and departures can operate with a single pilot. Ebb tide departures will require just one pilot, however, ebb tide arrivals will continue to require two pilots until sufficient experience is gained.

All vessels and agents are requested to plan accordingly and maintain close communication with Medway VTS, Group Marine Planners and the Sheerness operations team to ensure safe and efficient coordination.

Further updates will be issued as the terminal transitions to full operational status.

Further information may be obtained from Medway VTS on VHF Channel 74, call sign “Medway VTS” or telephone 0151 949 6148 or 0151 949 6650. (Recorded Lines)

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