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River Medway – SS Richard Montgomery Planned Mast Removal Works

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN ... that Marine Operations associated with the removal of the masts from the wreck of the SS Richard Montgomery will be taking place within the extended exclusion zone around the wreck site during September and October 2026.

The works are being undertaken on behalf of the Department for Transport and will involve specialist marine plant operating in and around the wreck site. Operations will be dependent upon weather, tidal conditions and project requirements and may result in temporary navigation restrictions, exclusion zones, or localised channel constraints at short notice.

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:

51° 28'. 04" N	000° 47'. 12" E
51° 27'. 57" N	000° 47'. 22" E
51° 27'. 50" N	000° 47'. 11" E
51° 27'. 58" N	000° 47'. 01" E

Vessels Involved:

NP562

- Crane / Construction barge
- Length: 65.00 metres
- Beam: 19.00 metres



GPS Iberia

- Primary Tug
- Call Sign: PF6465
- Length: 22.63 metres



GPS Arcadia

- Secondary Tug
- Call Sign: VJN3483
- Length: 18.15 metres



MV Vulcan

- Support Vessel
- Call Sign: 2DBA2
- Length: 18.20 metres



Mariners Navigating within the vicinity of the SS Richard Montgomery wreck site are required to:

- Maintain a safe speed and keep a proper lookout.
- Navigate with caution around all vessels engaged in the works.
- Keep well clear of any construction, lifting or support vessels displaying the appropriate lights and shapes.
- Monitor VHF Channel 74 and Channel 16 for navigation safety information and instructions.
- Comply with any directions issued by Peel Ports London Medway VTS or authorised representatives on scene.
- Allow adequate clearance for vessels restricted in their ability to manoeuvre.

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.

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Peel Ports London Medway

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