

NOTICE TO MARINERS

No. 36 – 2023 (Updated 29.11.23)

Approaches to Sheerness SS Richard Montgomery Wreck – Hydrographic Survey Work

29.11.23 - Notice is hereby given that due to operational delays the hydrographic survey currently underway around the wreck of the SS Richard Montgomery is now expected to be completed on or around the 11th December 2023. Permission for the “Thames Guardian” to enter the wreck exclusion zone has been granted and extended to reflect the new completion date by the Receiver of Wreck.

10.11.23 - Notice is hereby given that the hydrographic survey currently underway around the wreck of the SS Richard Montgomery is expected to be completed on or around the 30th November 2023. To assist with the survey work, the MCA Receiver of Wreck has granted permission for the 12 orange “Danger” marker buoys that are laid between the four Special Marks denoting North, South, East & West Montgomery to be removed. To mitigate the increased risk involved with the buoy removal, Medway VTS will issue a broadcast on VHF Ch.74 every hour warning all vessels that the wreck buoyage has been diminished. The danger markers will be replaced as soon as the survey work is complete.

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 works will take place between 20th October 2023 and 22nd November 2023, permission has been granted for Briggs Marine to enter the prohibited area for the purposes of carrying out a multibeam survey, gradiometer survey and chirp survey of the wreck and surrounding area. The survey vessel “Thames Guardian” will be carrying out the work and may be restricted in it’s ability to manoeuvre whilst operating. “Thames Guardian” 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)**.

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29th November 2023.