

# NOTICE TO MARINERS



**NtoM 28 - 2025**

## **Rochester Bridge**

### **“Under Bridge” Inspection Work**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a programme of “under bridge” inspection work is due to commence on Rochester Bridge. The contractor, “Up and Under” , will be conducting structural investigations via an access platform similar to that shown below. The gantry will be positioned beneath the span being inspected allowing a rope access team safe means to conduct their work. Closures of individual spans will be in place during periods of work, this will be indicated by a board suspended under the respective span as shown below. The access platform will either be removed or positioned to the outside of the span during non-operational periods. Spans will then re-open to navigation, however, it should be noted that available air draft will be reduced where the gantry is positioned. Whilst inspections are in progress, the safety boat “Zero 7” will be in attendance and will maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 74.

Daily working periods will be between 06:00 and 15:00 and will follow the approximate programme below:

28/07/2025 – 01/08/2025	West (Strood) River Span
04/08/2025 – 08/08/2025	Centre River Span
11/08/2025 – 15/08/2025	East (Rochester) River Span
18/08/2025 – 22/08/2025	Old Ship’s Passage & Island Pier Spans

**The above dates are indicative of the proposed periods of restriction, however, it is hoped that this programme will be accelerated to reduce the impact of closures on all bridge users.**



**All vessels transiting Rochester Bridge should navigate with extreme caution, maintain a listening watch on VHF Ch.74 and reduce speed/wash accordingly.**

Admiralty Chart Number 1835 refers.

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**)

**Marine Operations Department  
Peel Ports London Medway**

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