

# NOTICE TO MARINERS



**NtoM 12 - 2026**

## Port of Rochester-Tower Reach-Esplanade Pier.

### Diving Operations - Recovery of sunken vessel.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that diving operations are due to take place at Esplanade Pier in Rochester to remove a sunken vessel which lies alongside the pier. Diving is due to take place between the **11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026** where operations using salvage lift bags will be carried out over the slack water periods. All diving operations will be conducted from the vessel "Thames Explorer" who will maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 74 at all times.



**All vessels passing Esplanade Pier are requested to navigate with extreme caution reducing speed and wash accordingly and, if necessary, check the status of dive operations with Medway VTS.**

Admiralty Chart : 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**

Notice Issue: 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
Notice Expiry: 14<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Issued on behalf of Port of Sheerness Ltd, the Statutory Harbour Authority for the River Medway and The Swale  
Telephone calls, VHF radio traffic, CCTV and radar traffic images may be recorded at  
the Peel Ports Group Port Control Centre, Liverpool.