

NOTICE TO MARINERS



No. 42 – 2022

River Medway – Chatham Dock Temporary Suspension of Service

Notice is hereby given that: due to ongoing technical issues with the south lock, Chatham docks will be closed to navigation and unable to accept any vessel movements until further notice

South Lock Complications

Previous successful trials allowed ship movements in to Chatham. Unfortunately during these lock movements, a high level of vibration was seen transmitting from the Lock hauling gear through to the hydraulic power packs. This vibration caused an unacceptable level of strain to the drive system.

At this stage the cause is unclear but investigations are continuing with urgency to rectify the issue as soon as possible.

North Lock

North Lock work is progressing with the cofferdam and plugs fitting commencing early next week, allowing a review of the damage to the penstocks. It is hoped these works will progress smoothly and provide a return to service in the near future.

Updates on the status of locks will be promulgated via an amendment to this notice.

Admiralty Chart No. 1835 refers.

**Marine Operations Department
Peel Ports London Medway**

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