

NOTICE TO MARINERS

No. 07 – 2023

The Swale – Ferry Reach Sheppey Crossing Inspection Work

Notice is hereby given that work to inspect the Sheppey Crossing bridge structure is due to commence 13th March 2023. The work, which is expected to be completed by 18th March 2023, will involve inspections of the underside of the bridge using of an underbridge access rig mounted on a lorry. The use of this access machine will mean that roped access scaffolding will not be required to reach and inspect the underside of the structure and enable work to be undertaken quickly, effectively with the least impact to the Swale Navigation and Sheppey Crossing users. All inspection works will be carried out during daytime, off peak working hours (09:00hrs -15:30hrs)

Bridge Access Machinery



Safety Boat 'Protector'



The safety boat 'Protector' will be stationed adjacent to the bridge at all times that work is underway, Protector will be in contact with the inspection team, the Kingsferry Bridge operator and will monitor VHF Channel 74 at all times.

Commercial shipping movements will not be affected, however, ship's transit times will be passed to the inspection team who will retract the machinery to allow vessels to pass safely.

Admiralty Chart No. refers. 2572

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)

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