



NOTICE TO MARINERS

(No. 15 of 2008)

RIVER MEDWAY – BRIDGE REACH ROCHESTER RAIL BRIDGE - SCAFFOLDING LONG TERM REPAIR WORKS REDUCTION IN HEADROOM

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that with immediate effect, there is a change to the status of navigation in relation to the MAIN SPAN of the Rail Bridge, Bridge Reach, River Medway in the following approximate position:-

51° 23.545' N 00° 30.071' E

2. It has been decided that the **MAIN SPAN** of the bridge is now **OPEN TO NAVIGATION**; however, there is a **REDUCTION in the HEAD ROOM of 1.6 metres**. The **STROOD SPAN** remains **OPEN FOR NAVIGATION**. During the period of the works in the main span **temporary fixed navigation lights** have been erected in the **STROOD SPAN**.

3. The appropriate day and night signals are displayed in accordance with Medway Ports' River Byelaw 1991 9(2) which states:- When the head room of an arch or span of a bridge is reduced from its usual limits, but that arch or span is not closed to navigation, the person in control of the bridge shall suspend from the centre of that arch or span by day a bundle of straw or suitable alternative as agreed by the harbour master large enough to be conspicuous and by night a **WHITE** all-round light.

4. Persons in charge of small craft navigating in the vicinity of the bridge **must not hinder** any large commercial vessel when moving upstream through the Main Span or downstream via the Strood Span.

5. Admiralty Chart No. 1835 refers.
Medway Ports Notice to Mariners No. 9 of 2008 is hereby cancelled.

6. Further information on the progress of the work may be obtained from the Medway Navigation Service on VHF Channel 74, callsign "Medway VTS", or telephone 01795 663025, or direct from the contractors by telephone 0800 389 5901 (operational 24 hours a day). The "Boy Daniel" may be contacted on VHF Channel 74 or telephone 07930 221135.

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