



MEDWAY PORTS
NOTICE TO MARINERS
(No. 32 of 2008)

**MEDWAY APPROACH CHANNEL
MEDWAY SECONDARY CHANNEL**

AMENDED BOUNDARY OF SHEERNESS SMALL SHIPS ANCHORAGE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that during the week beginning **Monday 25th August 2008** the Medway Secondary Channel will be created by this establishment of five new navigational buoys. **Because of this, the boundary of the Sheerness Small Ships Anchorage will be amended.**

2. The Medway Secondary Channel will be immediately to the South of the existing channel, the Southern boundary of which will form, in the main, the Northern boundary of the new channel. **THE LEAST DEPTH IN THE NEW CHANNEL IS 5.5 M. CD.**

The following navigation buoys will be established:-

NAME	TYPE	POSITION	CHARACTERISTICS
2A	SPECIAL	51° 28.2304' N 00° 50.5212' E	Fl(2)Y.15s
4A	SPECIAL	51° 28.0120' N 00° 49.4121' E	Fl(2)Y.15s
6A	SPECIAL	51° 27.8777' N 00° 48.5753' E	Fl(2)Y.15s
8A	SPECIAL	51° 27.7020' N 00° 47.6851' E	Fl(2)Y.15s
10A	SPECIAL	51° 27.5561' N 00° 46.9233' E	Fl(2)Y.15s

3. The Northern boundary of the Medway Secondary Channel is defined by joining the positions of buoys 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10, inclusive. The Southern boundary of the Medway Secondary Channel is defined by a line joining the above positions from 2A to 10A inclusive, thence to the West Cant navigation buoy (51° 27.199' N 00° 45.482' E).

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4. RULES

- The Medway Secondary Channel will be one way at any time and use of the channel will be controlled by Medway Navigation Service (Medway VTS)
 - VTS clearance will be required prior to entry, either when passing Garrison Point or Medway Buoy, and preference will be given to vessels navigating with the tide.
 - Use of the Medway Secondary Channel will be limited to vessels of 160 m length overall or less.
5. The amended boundary of the Sheerness Small Ships Anchorage is defined by drawing a line from the West Cant Navigation buoy to buoys 10A then 8A, then to 51° 27.5151' N 00° 47.8317' E and to 51° 27.0327' N 00° 45.6431' E, then returning to the West Cant buoy.
6. The latest information on the Medway Secondary Channel and amended Sheerness Small Ships Anchorage may be obtained from the Medway Navigation Service on VHF Channel 74, callsign "Medway VTS," or telephone (01795) 663025.
7. Admiralty Chart No. 3683 refers.

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