

# NOTICE TO MARINERS

## **NO.14 – 2010** MEDWAY PORTS

### **MEDWAY APPROACH AREA INSTALLATION OF THE “BRITNED” POWER CABLE DREDGING AND CABLE LAYING OPERATIONS REMOVAL OF “NORE SWATCH” NAVIGATION BUOY CLOSURE TO NAVIGATION OF THE “SWATCHWAY”**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on or about Tuesday 1st June 2010 cable laying operations along the proposed “BritNed” cable route within the Medway Approach Area will commence.-

2. The vessels involved with the work are as follows:-

Boskalis Trenching Spread – KP1 to KP2.1

“**MARICAVOR**” – backhoe dredger;

“**EAST**” – tug;

“**INDIA**” – tug (survey); and

“**GREG TEST**” – tug (support & crew transfer.

Visser & Smit Hanab Cable Lay & Inter-Tidal Zone Burial Spread

“**ADA-D**” tug;

“**FETSY-L**” - anchor barge;

“**STEMAT 81**” – flattop barge;

“**COASTAL DISCOVERY**” – multicat;

“**WILCAT**” – multicat; and

“**COASTAL LIGHTNING**” – crew transfer vessel



All vessels involved in the trenching and cable laying operations will display the Day and Night Signals as prescribed in the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collision at Sea 1972, as amended. They will maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 74.

The works are expected to be completed by Thursday 15th July 2010.

3. The positions for the cable route between KP0 and KP4 are:-

51°27.2217' N      000°43.3239' E

51°27.3340' N      000°43.7841' E

51°27.4646' N      000°44.2022' E

51°27.6401' N      000°44.5760' E

51°27.9016' N      000°44.9490' E

51°28.1085' N      000°45.1851' E

51°28.3212' N      000°45.4867' E

51°28.5240' N      000°45.9529' E

The dredger, anchor barge and flattop barge will have **anchors**, marked by **pellet buoys, up to 400 metres each side of the cable route.**

4. Prior to the works commencing, the **“NORE SWATCH”** navigation buoy **WILL BE REMOVED** from its charted position and **WILL NOT BE REINSTATED** until the cable laying works have been completed.
5. Consequently, persons in charge of vessels wishing to use the **“SWATCHWAY”** between the Thames and Medway estuaries must navigate the area **WITH EXTREME CARE AND ATTENTION**. Once the trenching and cable laying operations have commenced the **“SWATCHWAY” WILL BE CLOSED TO NAVIGATION** until the cable laying works have been completed.
6. Further information on the removal of the “Nore Swatch” navigation buoy, the closure to navigation and the progress of the cable laying works 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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