

NOTICE TO MARINERS

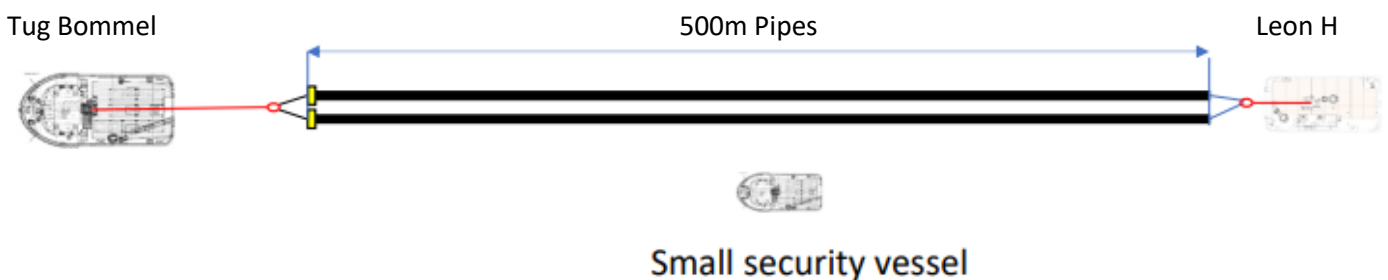
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Approaches to Sheerness & River Medway Pipeline Towing Operation – 18th May 2024

Notice is hereby given that the two 500m pipeline sections as detailed in Medway NtoM 26 of 2024 will be arriving in the river on Saturday 18th May 2024. The pipe sections are expected to enter the Peel Ports Medway district at approximately 08:00, the tug “Bommel” is the lead tug and will be approaching from the east via the Four Fathoms Channel (Spile Buoy). Once in the vicinity of the Small Ship’s Anchorage the tow will stop for an inspection and attaching of a stern tug. The tow is then expected to continue up to Kingsnorth, passing Garrison Point at approximately 09:30 – 10:00. An additional craft will be stationed at the centre of the pipes for security and manoeuvrability purposes. (See Below)

Commercial vessel movement restrictions will be implemented for safety of navigation during the transit of the tow throughout the river due to the restricted manoeuvrability of all assets. Medway VTS will be making regular broadcasts on VHF Ch. 74 to alert all river users of the movement.

All leisure craft navigating on the Medway and approaches on the morning of Saturday 18th May should exercise caution and keep a safe distance from the towage operation as it proceeds to Kingsnorth.



Lead Tug “Bommel”



Assisting vessel "Leon H"



Tug "Barney"



Admiralty Chart No. 3683 and 1834 refers.

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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