

# NOTICE TO MARINERS

## No. 53 – 2024

### River Medway - Rochester Road Bridge Under-Bridge Inspection Work

**Notice is hereby given that:** a programme of “under-bridge” inspection work is due to take place on the new and service bridges at Rochester. The road bridges will be inspected between 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024 and 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024 Incl. Inspection works over the river will be undertaken using an underbridge unit similar to the one below, deployed from the carriageway above and have been planned to be completed as follows:

14th & 15th Oct – Old Ships Passage  
16th & 17th Oct – Strood Span  
18th Oct: contingency for above locations.

21st and 22nd Oct – Centre Span  
23rd and 24th Oct – Rochester Span  
25th – Contingency for above.



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The contractor is working in collaboration with Medway Council/Volker to utilise their traffic management for other works and the works will be restricted to daytime hours between 09:30 and 15:30 on the above dates. A safety boat, callsign “Zero” will be on station during inspection periods who will maintain a listening watch on VHF CH. 74 at all times.

Bridge spans will be closed to navigation during respective inspection work periods as detailed above and will be specified by a manual closure sign suspended from the bridge. All vessels needing to transit Rochester bridge during this period should do so with caution and check the status of works before proceeding.

Admiralty Chart Number 1835 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**)

**Marine Operations Department  
Peel Ports London Medway**

**24<sup>th</sup> September 2024**