

# NOTICE TO MARINERS

## No. 48 – 2024

### Approaches to Sheerness SS Richard Montgomery Wreck – Hydrographic Survey Work

Notice is hereby given that survey work is due to take place around the wreck of the SS Richard Montgomery, the SS Richard Montgomery is a designated dangerous wreck under section 2 of the Protection of Wrecks Act 1973 and there is a no-entry exclusion zone around the wreck, the co-ordinates of which are published in Statutory Instrument 1973 No 1690. Section 3 of the Act makes entry into the prohibited area an offence without the written permission of the Secretary of State.

Survey work is due to commence on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024 (outside of the exclusion zone) with completion expected by 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024. The survey vessel “**Lode**” will be conducting the survey and has been granted permission to enter the prohibited area for the purposes of carrying out a survey of the wreck and the immediate area of seabed surrounding the wreck. Permission to enter the prohibited area of the wreck is approved from 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024 and extends to 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024.



Whilst surveying, “**Lode**” will be restricted in its ability to manoeuvre and will maintain a listening watch on VHF Ch.74 at all times, **all vessels are requested to pass with caution and reduce speed and wash appropriately.**

Admiralty Chart No. 3683 refers.

Further information may be obtained from Medway VTS on VHF Channel 74, call sign “Medway VTS” or telephone 0151 949 6148 (**Recorded Line**).

**Marine Operations Department  
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**12<sup>th</sup> September 2024.**