

# NOTICE TO MARINERS

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### Medway Vessel Traffic Services (VTS) Update

As part of a Peel Ports Group initiative Medway VTS will be undergoing a large scale refurbishment. To summarise Radar, VHF and CCTV coverage will be improved within Peel Ports Medway area of jurisdiction.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that from the 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017 until further notice Medway VTS will be without primary radar coverage in Short Reach, Gillingham Reach and Pinup Reach. CCTV will also be temporarily interrupted in this area during the upgrade period.

Medway VTS will continue to operate a traffic organisation service from seaward port limits to Folly Point. A VTS information service will be maintained by Medway VTS westwards of Folly Point.

Mariners are reminded of the General Directions For navigation In The Medway Ports 2013, direction 12.

#### 12. Navigation Of Vessels Of More Than 40 Meters length Overall Upstream Of Folly Point

*Vessels of more than 40 meters length overall which have their wheelhouse situated aft, when navigating upstream of Folly Point, must at all times have a look-out stationed forward who;*

- *Is in telephone or radio communication with the wheelhouse; and*
- *Is instructed to report every sighting of a vessel underway and every other matter which could affect the safe navigation of the vessel.*

*Further updates will be provided during the refurbishment process.*

*Further information may be obtained from Medway Navigation Service (VTS) on VHF Channel 74, call sign "Medway VTS" or telephone 01795 663025.*

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