

NOTICE TO MARINERS

No. 28 – 2022

River Medway - The Queen's Platinum Jubilee River Pageant

Notice is hereby given that to celebrate the platinum jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, a river pageant is planned to take place on the River Medway between Saltpan Reach and Rochester Bridge on Saturday 4th June 2022. A fleet of approximately 100 vessels of varying size, age and type will parade up river culminating in a salute in the vicinity of Sun Pier.

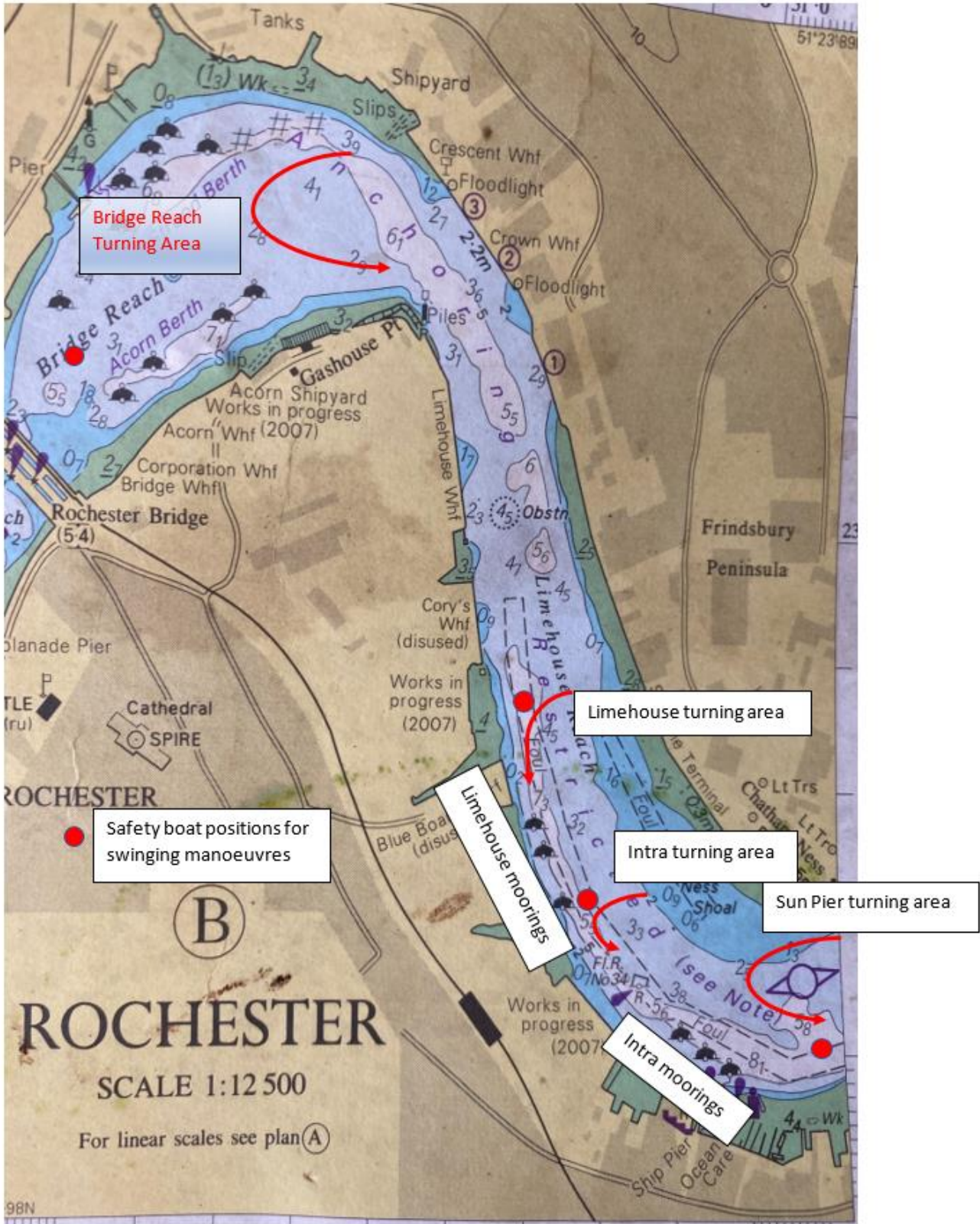
The pageant plan has been formulated on the basis of a predetermined list of attendees so that safety of navigation and participants can be maintained throughout. River user's safety is paramount and it is essential that only vessels planned to attend actually take part in the pageant, all other vessels are advised to keep clear of the main convoy until the finale at approximately 1630hrs.

The proposed timings/locations for the pageant flotilla are as follows:

- 1230hrs – Main formation begins in Saltpan Reach between buoys 12/13 - VIP vessel departs Sun Pier - Chatham vessels leave Marina to head down river.
- 1330hrs – Main formation heading up river meets the VIP vessel and Chatham vessels to amalgamate in Long Reach/Pinup Reach - All vessels to assemble into their squadrons ready for the Pageant.
- 1400hrs - Rowing fleet departs Medway Yacht Club, leading procession.
- 1430hrs - Rowing fleet starts to pass Sun Pier, the main viewing platform for the public.
- 1440hrs - Safety boat 'Kellaway' takes up position at Rochester Bridge to alert outward bound river traffic of the approaching fleet.
- 1500hrs - All vessels now past Sun Pier - Some to secure to pre-allocated moorings, and some to continue up to Bridge Reach, swing and then proceed back down against the flood tide.
- 1530hrs – **The Grand Cacophony** – the culmination of the Pageant – 2 minute whistle/horn salute from all vessels taking part - Fort Amherst's 21-gun salute - Chatham Dockyard's sirens, bells and steam whistles will sound, followed by a patriotic singalong led from shoreside.
- 1530 – 1630hrs - Final vessel moorings/ dispersal.

VHF communications for the pageant will be conducted on channel 6, however, the pageant control boat, callsign "**Big Red**" and all designated safety craft will also be monitoring VHF channels 74 & 16 at all times. Peel Ports harbour launch "Fulmar" will also be in attendance with the duty Harbour Master onboard. Medway VTS will liaise with pageant control to manage any commercial traffic that may interact with the fleet.

Between 1430 and 1530 hrs vessels taking part in the jubilee pageant will be turning in the river at predetermined points to then take up their allocated mooring positions. The chart below shows the expected swinging point for different squadrons of boats taking part .





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.

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