

# NOTICE TO MARINERS

## No. 04 – 2024 – (Updated 24.01.24)

### River Medway - Saltpan Reach

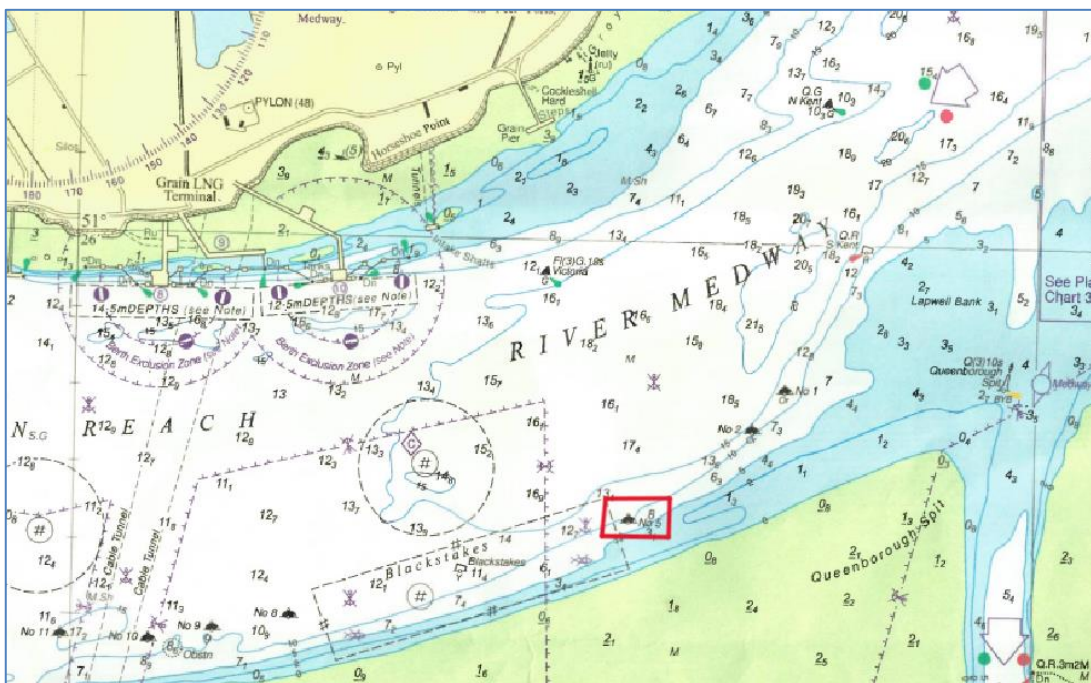
### No.5 Mooring Buoy – Submerged Obstruction

**Notice is hereby given** that diving operations are due to take place at the site of the submerged crane barge adjacent to Saltpan No.5 Mooring buoy. Previous attempts to recover the barge failed, a new diving operation is planned to take place on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of January 2024 and will be conducted from the vessel “Liftmoor”. “Liftmoor” will show the respective signals for dive ops and will maintain a listening watch on VHF Ch.74 at all times. Passing vessels are requested to navigate with extreme caution and reduce their speed and wash accordingly.

**Notice is hereby given** that a 20m x 7m crane barge has sunk adjacent to the Saltpan No.5 mooring buoy that it was secured to. The barge now lies flat on the seabed approximately 20 meters from the buoy. The obstruction has been marked with 2 yellow and orange pellet buoys and is in the approximate position given below.

Approximate Position of Obstruction - 51° 25.364 N 000° 43.153 E

Attempts to raise the barge will be made in the coming days/weeks, but until recovered, all vessels should avoid navigating in the vicinity of Saltpan No.5 mooring buoy.



Admiralty Chart No. 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)**

**Marine Operations Department  
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**24<sup>th</sup> January 2024**