

NOTICE TO MARINERS



NtoM 009 - 2026

River Medway – Saltpan Reach

Thamesport – Heavy Lift Operations

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT: Heavy lift operations will be taking place at Thamesport in Saltpan Reach. The vessel Eemslift Ellen will be arriving on 5th February 2026 at approximately 22:00 with departure currently expected by late Pm 7th February 2026. Whilst alongside, the ship will deploy a stabiliser pontoon which will protrude approximately 10m on the outboard side and is connected to the vessel's hull via a connection pocket (see below illustration). The stabiliser, which is required as a counter balance during the heavy lift operations, is orange to maximise visibility by day and will be illuminated by night.



All vessels passing Thamesport during the above time period are required to pass with caution, reduce speed and wash and maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 74 at all times.

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**

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Issued on behalf of Port of Sheerness Ltd, the Statutory Harbour Authority for the River Medway and The Swale
Telephone calls, VHF radio traffic, CCTV and radar traffic images may be recorded at
the Peel Ports Group Port Control Centre, Liverpool.