

NOTICE TO MARINERS



NtoM 19 - 2026

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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.

For operational reasons, survey work will now take place between **30th March 2026 and 20th April 2026**, permission has been granted for Port of London Authority 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. The survey vessel “**Maplin**” will be carrying out the work and may be restricted in it’s ability to manoeuvre whilst operating. “Maplin” 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 or 0151 949 6650. (Recorded Lines)

**Marine Operations Department
Peel Ports London Medway**

Notice Issued:

26th March 2026.

Notice Expiry:

21st April 2026.

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.