

NOTICE TO MARINERS

NO.4 – 2012 MEDWAY PORTS THAMES ESTUARY MEDWAY APPROACH CHANNEL MAINTENANCE DREDGING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on or about **Wednesday 11th January 2012** maintenance dredging works will commence in the Medway Approach Channel, Thames Estuary.

2. The dredging will take place **between navigation buoys no. 2 and 10** and will be carried out by the trailer hopper suction dredger "**ARTEVELDE**". The dredged material will be deposited at either the **South Falls or Inner Gabbard Spoil Grounds**. The work is expected to be completed in less than **three weeks**.
3. When the dredger is manoeuvring in the Medway Approach Channel persons in charge of vessels navigating in the vicinity must pass by at **REDUCED SPEED and EXERCISE CARE and CAUTION**. Vessels may be required, due to the dredging operations, to amend their sailing plans under instruction from Medway VTS.
4. The dredger will exhibit the Regulation Day and Night Signals as prescribed in the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collision at Sea 1972, as amended. Further Notices will be issued on any major change in the operation and on completion of the works.
5. The latest information on the dredging may be obtained from the Medway Navigation Service on VHF Channel 74, callsign "Medway VTS", or telephone (01795) 663025 or contact the "Artevelde" direct on VHF Channel 74.
6. Admiralty Chart No. 3683 refers.

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Harbour Master

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