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NOTICE TO MARINERS

NO.8 – 2012 MEDWAY PORTS RIVER MEDWAY – GILLINGHAM REACH CHATHAM DOCKS – ENTRANCE TO SOUTH LOCK BEWARE OF OVERHANGING STRUCTURE ON LOCK ISLAND

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the CAMBER on the Lock Island side of the South Lock outer caisson is being kept in its RAISED position until changes to the emergency closing system can be brought into effect. This creates an OVERHANG of up to 0.5 metre, which MUST BE AVOIDED AT ALL TIMES by persons in charge of vessels entering or leaving the South Lock from or to Gillingham Reach. SPECIAL CARE AND ATTENTION MUST BE TAKEN. In the event of a failure in the caisson apparatus there will be delays in carrying out the emergency procedures. In such an event it may be necessary for a vessel to either abandon its approach to the lock or vacate the lock if already in position. This situation is expected to last approximately one week; a further Notice to Mariners will be issued when the appropriate measures have been undertaken.

2. The South Lock outer caisson is in the following approximate position:-

51° 23.97' N 00° 33.16' E

3. Admiralty Chart No. 1835 refers.

**Cathryn Spain
Harbour Master**

28th February 2012

