

# NOTICE TO MARINERS

## No. 4 – 2014

### RIVER MEDWAY –BRIDGE REACH

### REPAIR and MAINTENANCE OF ROCHESTER

### RAIL BRIDGE PIERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on or about Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2014 work will commence on the repair and maintenance of the RAIL BRIDGE PIERS, Bridge Reach, River Medway, in the following approximate position:-

51° 23.55' N

00° 30.07' E

- The works will take approximately eleven weeks and will be carried out from a modular pontoon barge approximately 16m. by 7.5 m. which will be towed to and from the site by the tug "GERBIL". Two mobile elevated working platforms will be in use on the pontoon barge. A safety boat will be in attendance. The "GERBIL" will display the day and night signals as prescribed in the International Regulation for the Prevention of Collision at Sea 1972, as amended. The pontoon barge will be held in position alongside the appropriate bridge pier by spuds and wires attached to two fore and aft sinkers. The sinkers will be marked by buoys. When in position the pontoon barge will display the code flags "RY" and orange flashing lights at each end; the pontoon barge will be moored overnight at STROOD PIER. **It is not intended to close any of the bridge spans to navigation whilst the works are in progress. However, persons in charge of vessels navigating in the vicinity of the works must KEEP WELL CLEAR and EXERCISE CARE AND CAUTION and pass by the pontoon barge at SLOW SPEED.**
- Admiralty chart No. 1835 refers.
- Further information on the progress of the repair and maintenance works and the location of the pontoon barge may be obtained from the Medway Navigation Service on VHF Channel 74, callsign "Medway VTS" or direct on phone no. 01795 663025; or by contacting the "GERBIL" direct on VHF Channel 74.

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