

# NOTICE TO MARINERS

## No. 07 – 2016

### Rochester Rail Bridge Dive Inspection and Span Closures

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that structural inspection works and span closures will commence on Rochester Rail Bridge from the 3rd to the 5th of February 2016 in the approximate position;**

**51° 23.55' N    000° 30.06' E**

Inspections and subsequent span closures will be carried out on a span by span basis:

03-02-2016    low water slack at 0724hrs    Rochester span  
04-02-2016    low water slack at 0840hrs    Span 2  
05-02-2016    low water slack at 0955hrs    Span 3    and Sole street span

Only one span will be closed to navigation at any one time. It is estimated that span closures will be between 1 hour before LW and 2 hours after LW.

A closed span will be identified by the suspension of three RED disks at the points of an equilateral triangle with the apex downwards and the base horizontal; by night by three RED lights in a similar position to the discs exhibited by day. The RED disks or lights will be suspended from the centre of the span.

The safety boat 'Dentex II' will be in attendance during the diving operations and will maintain a listening watch on VHF Ch74.

Medway VTS will also broadcast information regarding span closure on VHF Ch74.

All mariners are reminded to navigate with care and caution.

Further information may be obtained from Medway Navigation Service (VTS) on VHF Channel 74 call sign "Medway VTS" or direct on phone No. 01795 663025.      Admiralty Chart No. 1835 refers.

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