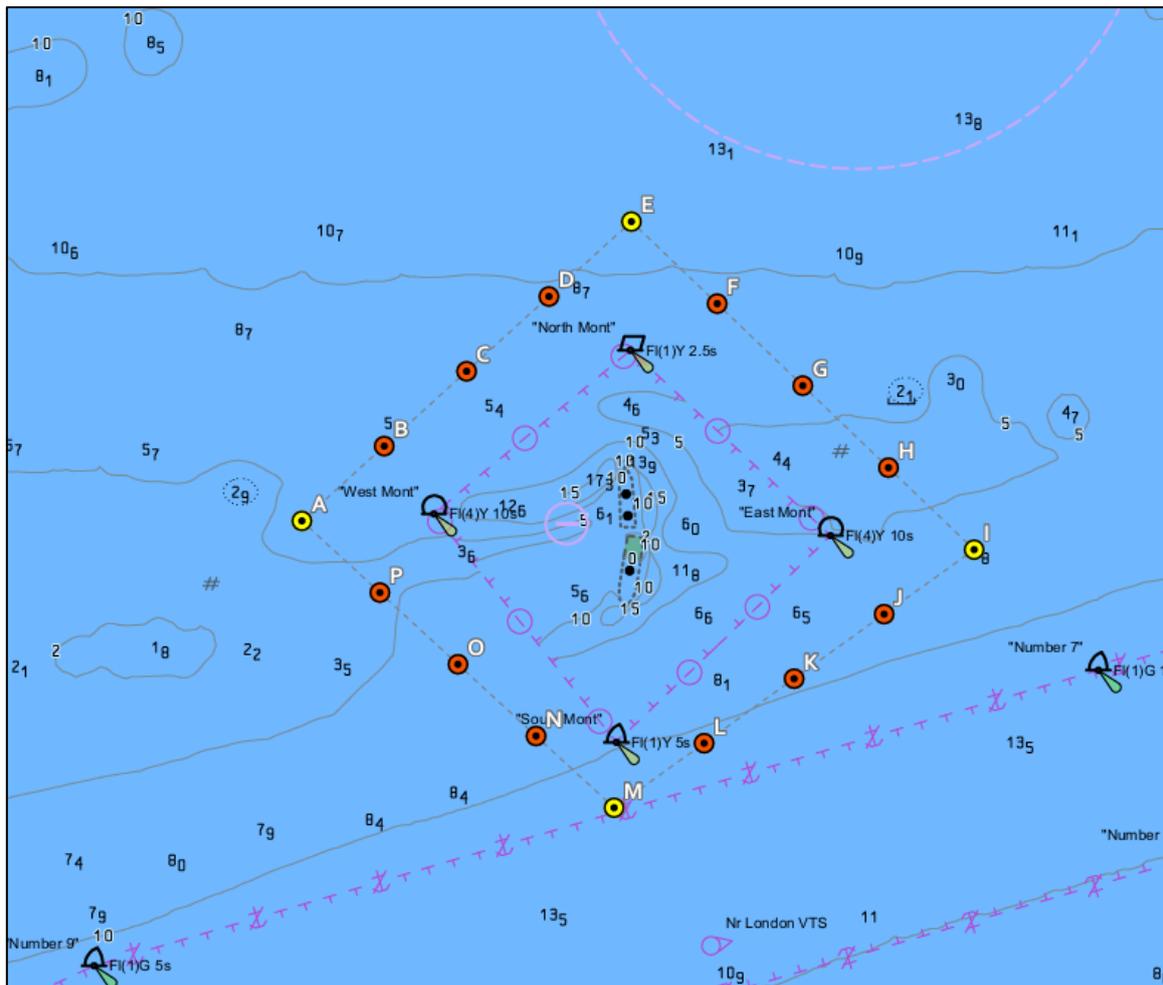


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### Approaches to Sheerness SS Richard Montgomery Wreck – Exclusion Zone Extension

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.

The Department for Transport has instructed Peel Ports to extend the current wreck exclusion zone in preparation of upcoming work on and around the wreck site. Repositioning of the wreck buoys will begin on or around 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026 with completion expected by 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026, once in their new positions, the SS Richard Montgomery wreck exclusion zone marks will be placed as indicated below by buoy positions A - P:



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.

The extended exclusion zone will be in place and enforced until work around the wreck site is completed, this is scheduled for the end of Quarter 3 of 2026.

Mariners should be aware that whilst the exclusion zone extension is in place, the South Montgomery buoy (FI Y 5s – Conical Y) will be positioned close to the Northern edge of the Medway Approach Channel between No.7 and No.9 lateral marks. The 12 no. orange spar buoys will be spaced further apart due to the extended flanks of the wreck zone.

As work within the wreck exclusion area gets underway, numerous craft will be given permission to enter and operate within the zone, **all passing vessels are requested to navigate with caution and reduce speed and wash appropriately. Medway VTS will liaise with works vessels and coordinate safety communications when required.**

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: 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026.  
Notice Expiry: 1<sup>st</sup> October 2026