



NOTICE TO MARINERS NO. 2/20

Upper Severn Estuary: Changing Depths (refer to note on chart)

British Admiralty chart no. 1166 (A & B)

I. Sanigar Sand; the approaches to Sharpness Dock

Mariners are advised that the western edge of Sanigar Sands in the vicinity of 51°42'.50N 2°29'.30W has been observed to be migrating eastward toward the main channel.

The drying heights and extent of the sands to the west of the entrance to Sharpness Dock are also subject to periodic change which may (a) limit the manoeuvrability of vessels approaching the dock and (b) result in a contravention of the minimum 1.0m underkeel clearance requirement for commercial vessels operating within the Gloucester Harbour (NB: this requirement must be taken into account by the operators of vessels and is unrelated to the dock entry criteria set by the Canal and River Trust).

2. Slimeroad Sand

The westward migration and change in height of the "tail" of Slimeroad Sand is reflected in UKHO Notice to Mariners 5706/2019 (paper charts). Depths in this area frequently change and may be less than charted. Attention is thus drawn to the need for vessels (particularly those expecting to arrive at Sharpness with minimum underkeel clearance) to continue to exercise considerable caution whilst transiting this area.

Owners, Agents and Charterers should ensure that the contents of this Notice are made known to the Masters or persons in charge of their vessels or craft.

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