

NAVIGATIONAL ADVISORY PANEL REPORT (Second Report post re-Consultation)

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Detail / Terms of Reference	Observation/Recommendation
<p>To continue the review of PLA Reporting Points taking into account comments from the first consultation.</p>	<p>Observations: Following consultation on the initial proposals, a panel was established to review comments and feedback. It was decided to maintain the status quo on all issues except for those listed in the Recommendations section below.</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On the basis of consultation, it is recommended that the following measures are confirmed without further consultation: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Establishment of a “London Arrival/Departure” arc (10nm radius centred on the Princes Approach Buoy) with the associated deletion of the Falls Head, North East Goodwin and South Knock reporting points. However, the North East Spit reporting point should be retained and the arc extended to include Knock Deep to capture specifically dredgers using this approach. Vessels using Fisherman’s Gat approaching from the East to report in accordance with GD 14 at London Arrival reporting point instead of South Knock (vessels approaching from the South-East will continue to make GD 14 reports at NE Spit). b. Small move of Sunk Head Tower reporting points to the new Sunk Inner Precautionary Area boundary as in

the first consultation notice proposal.

- c. Remove the Tizard and Knob reporting points as in the first consultation notice proposal.
- d. Retain the status quo for Sea Reach Channel reporting points except that reporting out of river/estuary sectors should be discouraged by marking the chart accordingly. (Note: Consultation responses and the panel specifically indicated that this should only apply to SR4 and not at Crayfordness where a change of VTS Control Centre was involved).
- e. Adjust Fords/Crossness reporting points as in the first consultation notice proposal.
- f. Whilst the broadcast of specified vessels alongside at the Havens should continue to be broadcast on Ch 69, the disposition of specified vessels underway should no longer be included in the broadcast as they regularly report their positions at the standard reporting points using the prefix “specified”. This was considered entirely adequate and avoided the situation where a specified vessel reported its position and this was almost immediately repeated in the routine broadcast.

2. Black Deep/Knock John Reporting. It is recommended that the Knock John/Fishermans Gat procedure should continue to be based on the existing ETA points at Black Deep 7, Knock John 1 and Knock John 4 Buoys. However, minor amendments are proposed to reporting points which will, in turn, require minor adjustments to the Knock John and Fisherman’s Gat reporting procedure as follows:

- a. Sunk Head Towers. Move of Sunk Head Tower reporting point as in paragraph 1 b above but use as point at which inward bound vessels declare a provisional ETA for Black Deep 7 Buoy and the Knock John 1 Buoy.
- b. Black Deep 3. Delete reporting point (see c. below).
- c. Black Deep 5. Establish a new reporting point at Black Deep 5 Buoy coincident with northern limit of Precautionary Area for vessels both inward and outward bound (in lieu of reporting point at Black Deep 3 Buoy). Inward bound vessels to confirm or revise ETA for the Knock John 1 Buoy.
- d. Black Deep 7. Delete reporting point. Although appropriate point for which to report ETA, as a reporting point it is considered that establishing reporting points at either end of the precautionary area provides better notice of intentions to other vessels and VTS.
- e. Black Deep 9. Establish a new reporting point at Black Deep 9 Buoy coincident with southern limit of Precautionary Area for vessels both inward and outward bound. Outward bound vessels intending to transit the Fisherman’s Gat channel confirm passage intentions.

- f. Knock John 7. This is now too close to the Knock John Channel itself. Delete and move reporting point to South East Mouse Buoy (see below).
- g. South East Mouse Buoy. Establish a new reporting point at the South East Mouse Buoy in lieu of the Knock John 7 Buoy reporting point and coincident with northern limit of Oaze Precautionary Area for vessels both inward and outward bound. Outward bound vessels are to declare an ETA for Black Deep 7.
- h. The procedure in GD 14 of 2006 should be amended to reflect these changes.

Notes:

- 1. The adjustment of reporting points would harmonise the distances between reporting points in Black Deep and Knock John which is considered to be useful for passage planning purposes.
- 2. Sea Reach 1 and Medway Buoy. The requirements for outward vessels at Sea Reach 1 or the Medway Buoy to declare an ETA for Knock John 4 Buoy and to confirm whether they intend to transit the Fisherman's Gat will remain unchanged.
- 3. The provision of a reporting point at the South East Mouse Buoy will align geographically with the Shivering Sand Towers reporting point for vessels exiting the Princes Channel. The South East Mouse Buoy is also in close proximity to the entry point to the Oaze precautionary area.

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