

NOTICE TO MARINERS
LOWER HOPE REACH TO SEA REACH
SCIENTIFIC SAMPLING OPERATIONS

Mariners are advised that, on or about **6th February 2024**, contractors instructed by the Environment Agency will undertake works to obtain samples of material from the bed of the Thames in 5 separate locations.

These works will be carried out by vessel **THAMES GUARDIAN**, a 14.5m LOA workboat which will display, or be marked with, the word 'SURVEY' while working in the Thames. The works are expected to be complete no later than 2 weeks after commencement.

The locations of the sampling operations are as follows:

Site	Latitude	Longitude
1	51° 27.83' N	000° 26.90' E
2	51° 29.71' N	000° 27.90' E
3	51° 30.17' N	000° 36.49' E
4	51° 29.83' N	000° 43.45' E
5	51° 28.70' N	000° 52.88' E



The samples will be recovered by grabbing equipment, and THAMES GUARDIAN is expected to remain no more than 20 minutes in each location for a sampling session.

THAMES GUARDIAN is required to not impede any Reporting Vessel in any Fairway and/or the Authorised Channel during these works.

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EXPIRY DATE: 23/02/2024

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During these works, any requirement to proceed with caution or at slow speed will be made in accordance with the procedure set out in the Port of London Authority's [Port Information Guide](#), under 'London VTS', 'Section 4'. International Code Flags ROMEO YANKEE, illustrated below, will be displayed whenever a requirement to proceed with caution or at slow speed is in force.



The display of these signal flags will be in addition to any signals, lights or shapes specified by the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at sea and local regulations.

London VTS will broadcast further information, as required, on **VHF Channels 68 & 69**.

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