



# Notice to Mariners

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## Dredging and Beneficial Placements

From around the **02 December 2021**, for a period of about 42 days, the trailing hopper suction dredge **Scald** (IMO number: 9352846) will start dredging in the main channel and will use the beneficial disposal site at **Mersea Harbour**.

The dredging contractor is the **Boskalis Westminster / Van Oord Joint Venture** appointed by the Harwich Haven Authority to carry out the Harwich Haven Channel Deepening Project.

The dredge area is a section of the main channel known as area **C2** covering the whole width of the main channel and running from about 250m east of the Platters / Pitching Ground buoys to about 1,000m west of the same buoys. (See attached sketch **HHA C2**) It is possible that alternative dredge areas within the main channel will be used. Mariners will be informed of alternative dredge areas if used.

The dredger will dispose only at high water and be positioned as close to the disposal site as possible (see attached sketch **MH 001**). Disposal will be carried out on every high water (weather permitting), day and night, by rainbow discharge over the bow or via a floating pipeline.

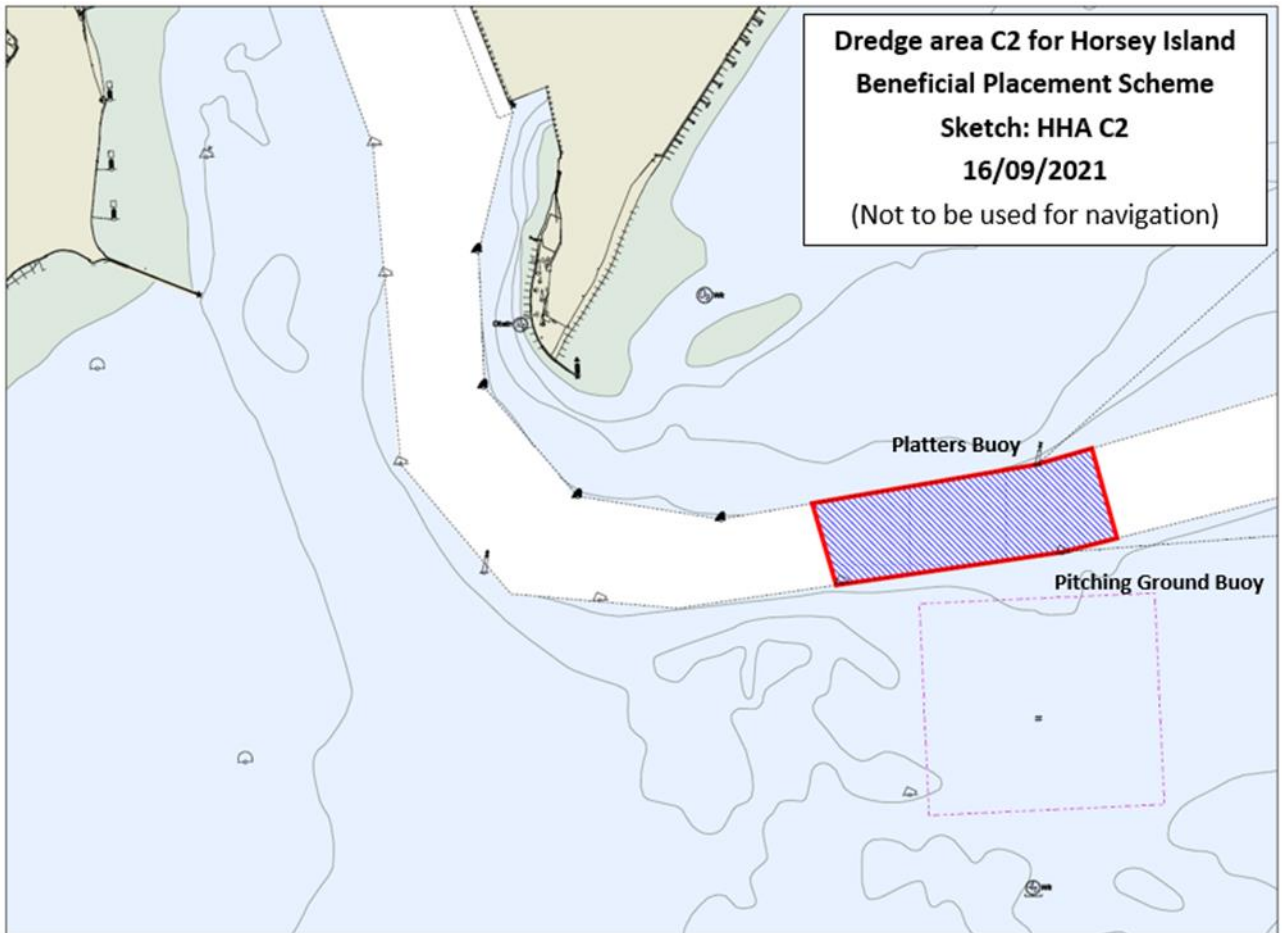
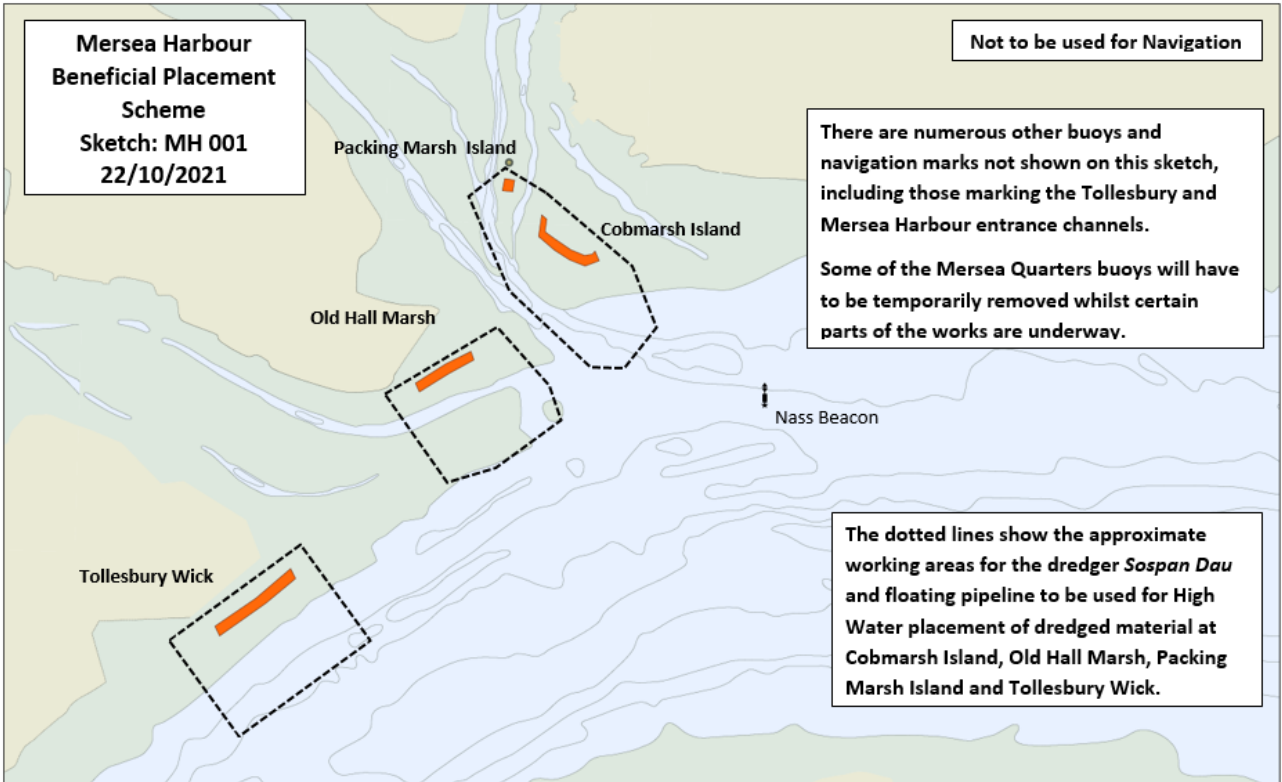
The dredger will sail between the dredge site and Mersea Harbour generally along the routes shown on the attached sketch map **MH Routes 002**.

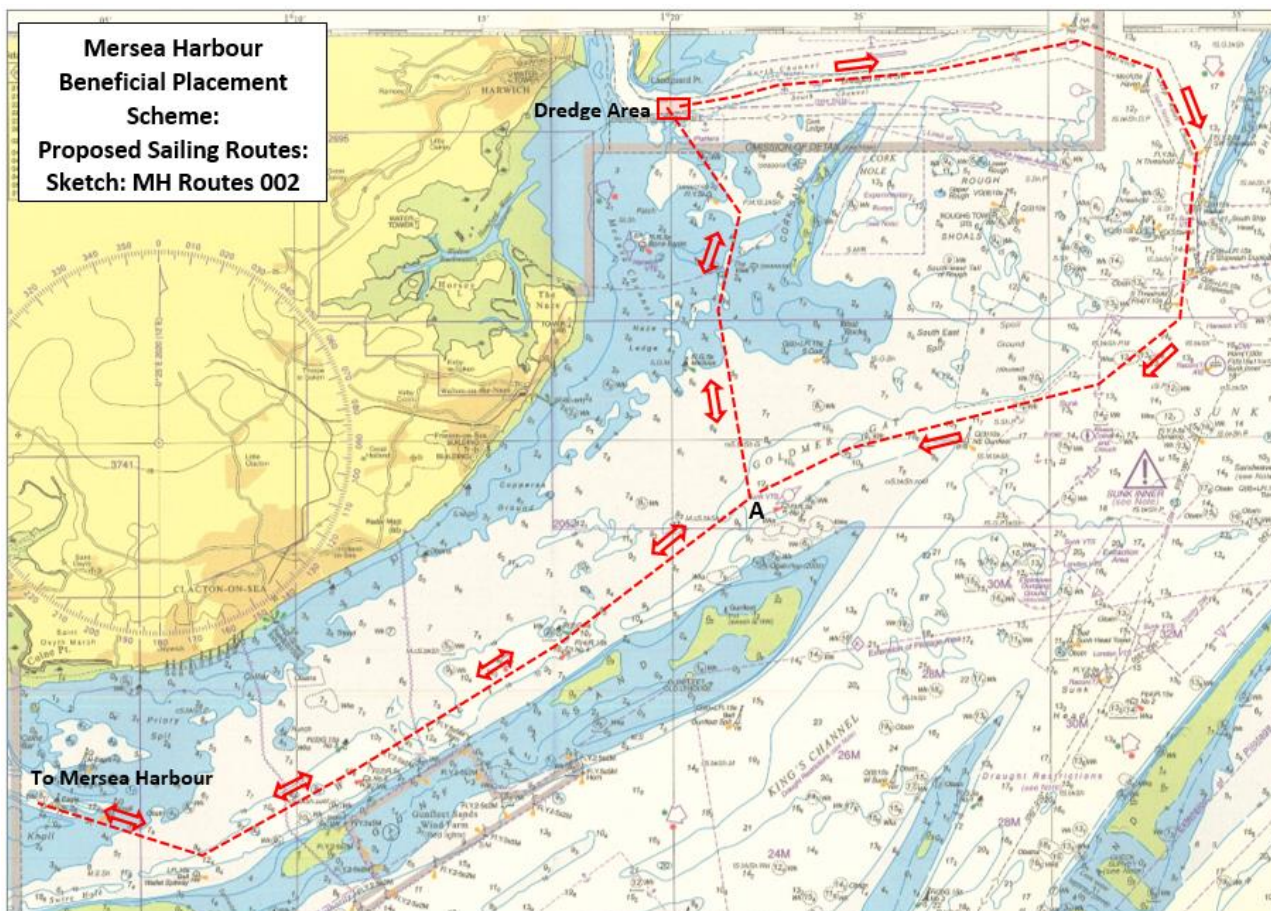
It should be noted that some mooring and navigation buoys may need to be removed in order to complete these works. Further information and updates on buoy moves can be obtained from Mersea Harbour Protection Trust at [savemerseaharbour@gmail.com](mailto:savemerseaharbour@gmail.com)

Mariners are requested to keep clear of the equipment and the site of the placement works.

The dredging is covered by the MMO licence held by Harwich Haven Authority: **L/2020/00360/2**.

The disposal of material at Mersea Harbour is covered by MMO licence held by the Mersea Harbour Protection Trust: **L/2018/00131/3**.





## Capital Dredging

From around the **06 December 2021**, for a period of about 35 days, the trailing hopper suction dredge **Vox Amalia** (IMO number: 9768588) will start dredging the deep water channel.

The dredging contractor is the **Boskalis Westminster / Van Oord Joint Venture** appointed by the Harwich Haven Authority to carry out the Harwich Haven Channel Deepening Project.

The dredge area will be in various sections of the deep water channel, seaward of no. 7 & 8 Buoys. The Vox Amalia will use the Inner Gabbard East disposal area

The dredging is covered by the MMO licence held by Harwich Haven Authority: **L/2020/00360/2**.

## Maintenance Dredging

From around the **26 November 2021**, for a period of about 20 days, the trailing hopper suction dredge **Medway** (IMO number: 9524152) will commence maintenance dredging within the haven. It is expected that the Medway will use the Inner Gabbard disposal area.

From around the **22 November 2021** for a period of 25 days, the work boat **Forth Drummer** (IMO number: 9676917) will undertake plough dredging within the harbour.

## Survey Operations

From around the **17 November 2021** for a period of 28 days, the survey vessel **Porthos** (11m LOA) will be surveying within the haven for the maintenance dredge operations.

From around the **01 December 2021**, the survey vessel **Patriot** (25.90 m LOA) will be surveying within the haven and approaches for the channel deepening operations.

All vessels may be subject to Harwich VTS Traffic Organisation.

Given the increased frequency of vessel movements and dredging operations mariners are reminded of the importance of regulated vessel reporting requirements and necessity to maintain a good lookout ahead and astern.

Detailed vessel movements can be obtained from Harwich VTS on VHF channel 71.

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