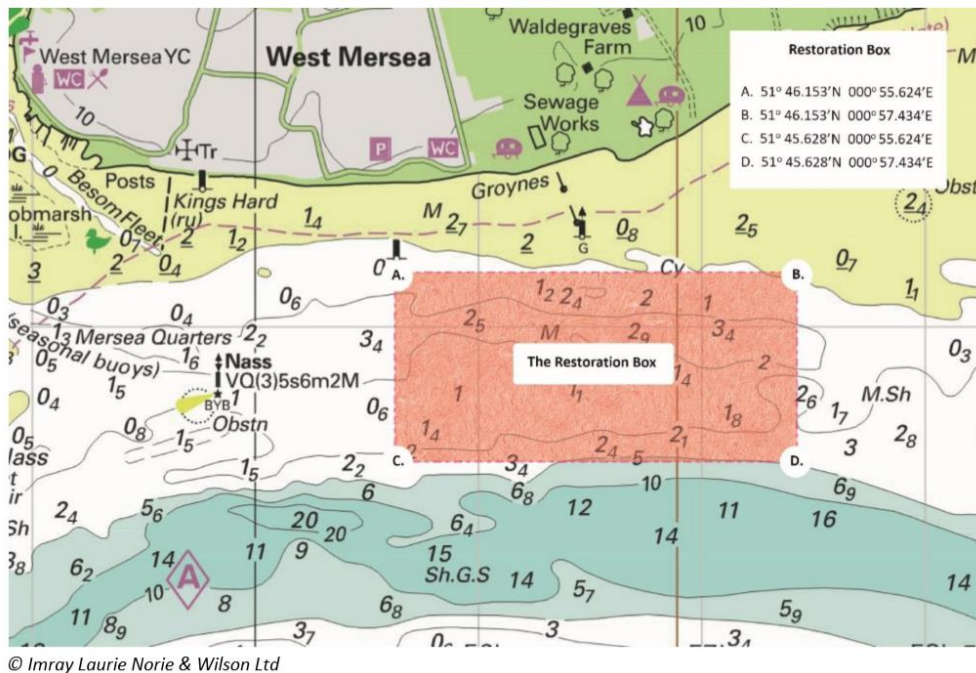


Attachment to NOTICE TO MARINERS No 26 of 2020

NATIVE OYSTER RESTORATION WORKS

WEST MERSEA

Starting **Monday 22nd June 2020** works will commence on the Essex native oyster restoration project within a defined restoration box, of which the north-west corner is located approximately 500m offshore to the south-east of West Mersea (hereafter referred to as the 'Restoration Box'). The Restoration Box is approximately 2000m (west to east) by 1000m (north to south).



This work will consist of scientific monitoring of current and future restoration areas within the Restoration Box. These works are expected to be **concluded by 24th June 2020**.

The works will be carried out from the vessel 'Virley Native'.

Mariners are reminded that past work within the restoration box includes the deposition of shell and stone material, **Mariners are therefore requested to be mindful of the raised seabed in this location**. Additionally, mariners are reminded of the deployment of spat collectors in 2019 (large metal frames) within the area marked by large, yellow danger marks. **This smaller marked area should not be entered.**

Other activities to take place this year include deposition of spat collectors (to be the subject of a separate Notice to Mariners) and restoration management. These activities will take place between June and September 2020 (exact dates to be confirmed) and separate notices will be issued before such work commences.

Should you have any queries about the works, please contact EssexNativeOyster@zsl.org