

## SHOEBURYNESS EAST BEACH

This is a public beach managed by Southend Borough Council under license from the MOD. It is a very popular area for watersports, particularly Kitesurfing. Members of the public are permitted to occupy the beach, foreshore and the sea area directly in front of the beach within the licensed area, (shown in blue on the map enclosed).

**No watercraft is permitted to remain in the Inner Sea Area beyond the licensed area** (demarked by a buoy line) **at any time.** The only exception is when the Range is **NOT ACTIVE**, the **Outer Sea Area** is open and the vessel is travelling directly to or from the licensed area. Occasionally, East Beach foreshore may be closed to the public - is this indicated by the lowering of the Yellow Diamonds at Blackgate Road and Rampart Street.

## HAVENGORE BRIDGE

The bridge is passable when the Range is **NOT ACTIVE** and the **Outer Sea Area** is open, for two hours either side of high water (when the creek is navigable), during daylight hours only.

## PROHIBITED BEACHES

Some sections of the Shoeburyness coastline and foreshore are private property, owned by the MOD. Members of the public are not permitted to pass through or occupy these beaches for health



and safety reasons. These prohibited areas are signposted to warn of the inherent danger that trespassers are exposed to and the potential hazards associated with the historic use of the area.

## UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS

Visitors to the area may discover Unexploded Ordnance (UXO). **Do not touch or pick up any unidentified objects**, report their location by calling the police.

## RSDA DO's and DON'TS

If you're unfamiliar with navigating in the area or if you believe you have a legitimate reason to request entry to the RSDA, you must contact MOD Shoeburyness as follows:

Range Control: 01702 383211

Marine Control: 01702 383311

Marine VHF: Channel 16 & 72 (Call sign "Shoe Radar")

### DO...

- contact the Range if you are unsure of the location of the RSDA.
- contact the Range if you believe you have a legitimate reason to enter the RSDA.
- inform Range Control when you exit the RSDA (if permission is granted by the Range for you to enter the RSDA).
- follow any instructions issued by the crew of the Range Safety Boat which operates in the vicinity of the RSDA.
- make fellow mariners aware of this guidance.

### DON'T...

- assume that staying close to the coast will keep you safe. There is a very real risk of serious injury if you ignore these guidelines.
- assume that the RSDA is safe simply because you can't see or hear any Range activity.
- press on regardless if you have not been given permission to enter the RSDA.

If you have any questions about the Range Sea Danger Area, please contact Range Control on 01702 383211. Further information can be found at [www.shoeburyness.qinetiq.com](http://www.shoeburyness.qinetiq.com)

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# MOD Shoeburyness

## Staying safe near the Range Sea Danger Area



## MOD SHOEBURYNNESS

Ministry of Defence (MOD) Shoeburyness is a weapons test and evaluation Range which uses **explosives**, and **fires large calibre guns** over long distances on a daily basis. Due to the hazardous nature of the activities carried out on the Range and over the surrounding sea and foreshore area, access to the MOD-owned estate is controlled by the Shoeburyness Artillery Ranges and Military Lands Byelaws.

### WATERSPORTS & THE RANGE SEA DANGER AREA

The Maplin and Foulness Sands area surrounding MOD Shoeburyness is very popular for recreational sailing, watersports and fishing. If you intend to sail, board or paddle in the area you should be aware that the sea and foreshore area outlined on the map opposite falls within the jurisdiction of the byelaws and is designated as a Range Sea Danger Area (RSDA). Public use is restricted.

Regardless of the Range's status (ACTIVE: Red Flags Flying/NOT ACTIVE: Red Flags lowered), the **Inner Sea Area is closed at all times (including evenings and week-ends)**, to all watersports users and personal watercraft including but not limited to: Fishermen, Sailors, Kayakers, Kitesurfers, Windsurfers, Jekskiers etc. When the Range is **NOT ACTIVE**, the **Outer Sea Area** is open and can be traversed by all marine traffic.

### THE NESS ROAD SLIPWAY (UNCLE TOM'S)

This slipway is owned and managed by Southend Borough Council. It is a well known location for legitimately launching personal watercraft. The foreshore beyond the fence and to the left of the slipway is part of the MOD estate and public access is prohibited **at all times**. When launching from the slipway you **must** stay to the right of the fence and buoy line which demarks the RSDA.



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## MOD SHOEBURYNNESS RANGE SEA DANGER AREA



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### PENALTIES FOR ACTS IN CONTRAVENTION OF THE BYELAWS

Anyone found occupying:

- the prohibited MOD foreshore at any time;
- the Inner Sea Area \*at any time;
- the Outer Sea Area when the Red Flags are flying

is acting in contravention of the byelaws. This means they are liable to prosecution and may have their property confiscated.

### Outer Sea Area

1. 51° 31.380'N 0° 46.515'E
2. 51° 30.220'N 0° 45.724'E
3. 51° 30.270'N 0° 51.273'E
4. 51° 31.459'N 0° 56.704'E
5. 51° 34.071'N 1° 2.239'E
6. 51° 39.581'N 1° 7.391'E
7. 51° 39.609'N 1° 2.735'E
8. 51° 36.990'N 0° 54.961'E

### Inner Sea Area

1. 51° 31.282'N 0° 46.974'E
5. 51° 34.071'N 1° 2.239'E
9. 51° 35.933'N 0° 56.189'E
10. 51° 30.713'N 0° 52.386'E