

Havengore Bridge – A guide for marine vessels

If you're thinking of sailing in the area of Maplin/Foulness Sands (which surround the live firing Range at MOD Shoeburyness), and intend to use Havengore Passage to reach the inner waterways of the River Roach/Crouch (or reverse journey), we strongly advise you to familiarise yourself with the restrictions on passing through Havengore Bridge. The following information will help you plan a successful journey:

1. Havengore Bridge is only passable when the MOD Shoeburyness Range is **NOT ACTIVE**.
2. The MOD Shoeburyness Range is normally active Monday to Thursday from 06:00 to 16:30 and Friday 06:00 to 12:30. The "ACTIVE" status of the Range is signalled by the flying of a RED FLAG on the bridge and at intervals around the perimeter of the site. **Please note, Range operational hours are not fixed and MOD/QQ reserve the right to operate earlier/later and at weekends.** Unusual hours/days of working and unplanned closures are notified on our website.
3. The Bridgekeeper is on duty for 2 hours either side of high tides (based on Southend-on-Sea tide times), during daylight hours, daily (except for Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years' Day) and can be contacted for basic bridge status advice (see No.5 for contact details).
4. If you wish to plan your journey in advance and would like advice from the Range about using the bridge on a particular day, please contact our Careline on 0800 0560108 or email us at QQSHBEnquiries@qinetiq.com
Please be aware that information supplied in advance is subject to change and that QinetiQ cannot provide navigational advice.
5. If you wish to receive 'on the day' bridge status advice, you can contact the Bridgekeeper on 01702 383436 or VHF Channel 72 (see No.3).

Further information on the MOD Byelaws, sailing safely in the vicinity of the Range and using the bridge can be found on our website at www.qinetiq.com/shoeburyness

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