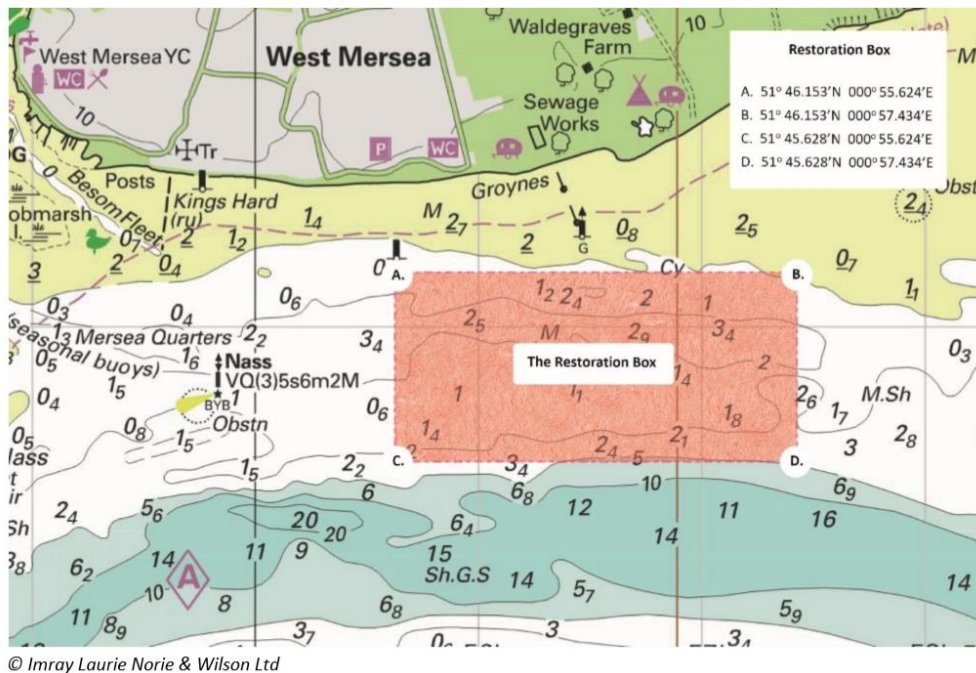


NOTICE TO MARINERS
NATIVE OYSTER RESTORATION WORKS
WEST MERSEA

Starting **Monday 14th June 2021** 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 habitat restoration through the cleaning of the seabed in the North of the Restoration Box. These works are expected to be **concluded by 20th June 2021** subject to satisfactory weather conditions.

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 (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 Scientific Monitoring. These activities will take place between July and October 2021 (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