
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2012 No. 1773

PROTECTION OF WRECKS, ENGLAND

The Protection of Wrecks (Designation) (England) Order 2012

Made - - - - 4th July 2012
Laid before Parliament 9th July 2012
Coming into force - - 31st July 2012

The Secretary of State makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred under sections 1(1) and (2), and 3(2) of the Protection of Wrecks Act 1973⁽¹⁾. In accordance with section 1(1) of that Act the Secretary of State is satisfied that the two sites identified in article 2 of this Order, are, or may prove to be, the sites of a vessel lying wrecked on or in the sea bed and that, on account of the historical, archaeological or artistic importance of the vessel, or of any objects contained or formerly contained in it which may be lying on the sea bed in or near the wreck, both sites ought to be protected from unauthorised interference. In accordance with section 1(4) of that Act the Secretary of State has consulted with such persons as the Secretary of State considers to be appropriate having regard to the purposes of this Order.

Citation and Commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Protection of Wrecks (Designation) (England) Order 2012 and comes into force on 31st July 2012.

Identification of sites and designation of restricted areas

2.—(1) The first site in respect of which this order is made is identified as the site where a vessel lies, or is supposed to lie, wrecked on or in the sea bed within the area bounded by straight lines whose corners lie at the points specified in Table 1 below⁽²⁾:

Table 1

<i>Point</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>
NW	51°29.7477'N	00°44.3802'E
NE	51°29.7435'N	00°44.4159'E
SE	51°29.7108'N	00°44.4046'E

(1) 1973 c.33.

(2) The co-ordinates in Table 1 and Table 2 are identified with reference to the World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS 84).

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.

<i>Point</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>
SW	51°29.7155'N	00°44.3689'E

(2) The second site in respect of which this Order is made is identified as the site where a vessel lies, or is supposed to lie, wrecked on or in the sea bed within the area bounded by straight lines whose corners lie at the points specified in Table 2 below:

Table 2

<i>Point</i>	<i>Latitude</i>	<i>Longitude</i>
NW	51°29.7622'N	00°43.9862'E
NE	51°29.7532'N	00°44.0506'E
SE	51°29.7244'N	00°44.0408'E
SW	51°29.7334'N	00°43.9764'E

(3) The areas identified in paragraphs (1) and (2), excluding any part of those areas above the high water mark of ordinary spring tides, are designated as restricted areas for the purposes of the Protection of Wrecks Act 1973.

Revocation

3. The Protection of Wrecks (Designation) (England) Order 2008(3) is revoked.

4th July 2012

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Department for Culture, Media and Sport

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order designates as restricted areas for the purposes of the Protection of Wrecks Act 1973 two areas of the Thames Estuary. These areas are believed to be the wreck sites of the vessel called *London* which the Secretary of State is satisfied ought to be protected from unauthorised interference on account of its historical, archaeological or artistic importance.

Two areas around what was thought to be the full extent of the wreck sites of the *London* were previously designated as restricted areas under the Protection of Wrecks (Designation) (England) Order 2008. This Order extends the area of one of those restricted areas southward by 25 metres following the provision of more accurate information and revokes the 2008 Order.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this Order.