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CIVIL AVIATION

**The Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (SS Richard
Montgomery) Regulations 2025**

Made - - - -

1st May 2025

Coming into force - -

2nd May 2025

The Secretary of State has decided that it is necessary in the public interest to restrict flying in the area specified in regulation 3(1) for reasons of public safety associated with the location there of the vessel SS Richard Montgomery.

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by article 239 of the Air Navigation Order 2016(a).

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying) (SS Richard Montgomery) Regulations 2025 and they come into force on 2nd May 2025.

Restricted airspace

2.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), no aircraft is to fly below 13,100 feet above mean sea level within the area bounded by a circle having a radius of 1 nautical mile centred at 512758N 0004712E.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any aircraft flying in response to an emergency situation—

(a) operated by or on behalf of—

(i) a Police Air Support Unit,

(ii) an Emergency Medical Service, or

(iii) the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, or

(b) operating with a written permission issued by the Secretary of State.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

1st May 2025

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(a) S.I. 2016/765, as amended by S.I. 2024/990; there are other amending instruments, but none is relevant.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose restrictions on flying in the vicinity of the wrecked vessel SS Richard Montgomery near Sheerness, Kent.

The Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport agree that flying should be restricted in the vicinity of the vessel for reasons of public safety.

In relation to the permission mentioned in regulation 3(2)(b), the Secretary of State may be contacted as notified.

Full details of this Statutory Instrument will be promulgated by Aeronautical Information Service (AIS) Briefing Sheet (BS) and Notice to Aviation (NOTAM).

The point of contact in the Civil Aviation Authority is Mr Alan Frew, Airspace Regulator, Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, on telephone number 03301 382734.