STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2019 No. 1068

PROTECTION OF WRECKS, ENGLAND

The Protection of Wrecks (Designation) (England) Order 2019

Made - - - -	*1st July 2019*
Laid before Parliament	*4th July 2019*
Coming into force - -	*5th July 2019*

The Secretary of State makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 1(1) and (2) of the Protection of Wrecks Act 1973(**a**) ("the Act").

The Secretary of State is satisfied, in relation to the site identified at article 2(1) of this Order, as to the matters set out in section 1(1) of the Act.

In accordance with section 1(4) of the Act, the Secretary of State has consulted such persons as the Secretary of State considers 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 2019 and comes into force on 5th July 2019.

Identification of site and designation of restricted area

2.—(1) This Order is made in respect of the site where a vessel lies, or is supposed to lie, wrecked on or in the sea bed at Latitude 50.65043000, Longitude 00.39670000(**b**).

(2) The area within 100 metres of the site identified in paragraph (1), excluding any part of that area above the high water mark of ordinary spring tides, is designated as a restricted area.

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Secretary of State
Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport

1st July 2019

(**a**) 1973 c.33.
(**b**) The position of the site is defined by co-ordinates of latitude and longitude according to the World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS 84), as revised in 2004.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order designates the area within 100 metres of the wreck site of an unknown wooden vessel lying approximately 14 kilometres south-east of Beachy Head, East Sussex as a restricted area for the purposes of the Protection of Wrecks Act 1973 ("the Act").

The Secretary of State is satisfied that the site ought to be protected from unauthorised interference on account of the historical and archaeological importance of the vessel and any objects contained or formerly contained in it which may be lying on the sea bed in or near the wreck.

Under section 1(3) of the Act, it is a criminal offence for a person to engage in certain activities in a restricted area, except under the authority of a licence issued by the Secretary of State.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sectors is foreseen.

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