



## Marine Notice No. 16 of 2023

*Notice to all Shipowners, Fishing Vessel Owners, Agents, Shipmasters, Skippers, Fishers,  
Yachtsmen and Seafarers*

### Dublin Array Offshore Wind Farm- Geotechnical Investigations at Kish and Bray Banks

#### 1. Notice of Activity

The Department of Transport has been advised by Kish Offshore Wind Ltd and Bray Offshore Wind Ltd that geotechnical investigations will be conducted on the Dublin Array project site off the coast of counties Dublin and Wicklow. The project works will commence on **1st April 2023** and continue through to late **May 2023**, subject to weather and operational constraints.

#### 2. Location of planned operations

The geotechnical investigation will include approximately 7 boreholes which will be drilled at locations within the project work site. The location of these works is given in the map in Appendix 1 and in the tables below.

##### Site Area 1

Latitude NW	53° 18.50' N	Longitude NW	005° 57.00' W
Latitude NE	53° 18.50' N	Longitude NE	005° 53.00' W
Latitude SE	53° 09.00' N	Longitude SE	005° 53.00' W
Latitude SW	53° 09.00' N	Longitude SW	005° 57.00' W

##### Site Area 2

Latitude NW	53° 14.00' N	Longitude NW	005° 56.00' W
Latitude NE	53° 14.00' N	Longitude NE	005° 53.00' W
Latitude SE	53° 09.00' N	Longitude SE	005° 53.00' W
Latitude SW	53° 09.00' N	Longitude SW	005° 56.00' W

#### 3. Details of Survey Vessels

The operations will be conducted by the following vessels:

- **Dutch Pearl** (call sign **PBZP**), a support vessel/tug
- **Excalibur** (call sign **YJKQ5**), a jack-up barge

The **Excalibur** will be positioned at each of the investigation points for several days which may extend in the event of inclement weather. The **Dutch Pearl** will be assisting the **Excalibur** in its daily operations and towing the barge between investigation points. The standby tug will be at anchor on the project site and will be conducting transits between the site and Dublin Port. Both vessels will display the relevant light and shapes as required under COLREGS. Both vessels will keep continuous watch on **VHF channel 16 & 72**. During operations, the vessels will be restricted in their ability to manoeuvre. Vessels are requested to leave a wide berth during the operations.

#### 4. Contact Details

Enquiries regarding the contents of this Marine Notice, or any other matters, should be directed to

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All mariners are reminded of their responsibilities under the **International Collision Regulations** and of [Marine Notice No. 17 of 2007](#), which gives general advice in relation to the activities of vessels engaged in survey work for hydrographic, seismic, fishing research and underwater operations.

The International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) are implemented in Irish law by the *Merchant Shipping (Collision Regulations) (Ships and Water Craft on the Water) Order 2012* [S.I. No. 507 of 2012] and the *Signals of Distress (Ships) Rules 2012* [S.I. No.170 of 2012]. [See Marine Notice No. 06 of 2013](#). These Statutory Instruments may be purchased by mail order from Government Publications, Office of Public Works, 52 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2. Tel: (01) 6476834/1890-213434. They are also available online at: [www.irishstatutebook.ie](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie)

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Encl: Appendix 1 Map of the project work site

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