



Marine Notice No. 25 of 2023

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

Celtic Sea Array Geophysical Surveys 2023

1. Notice of Activity

The Department of Transport has been advised that a geophysical survey will be undertaken in the North Celtic Sea to provide site investigation information to facilitate the development of the Celtic Sea Array. The survey work is anticipated to commence on **17 April 2023** and is expected to be complete by the end of **May 2023**, subject to weather and operational constraints.

2. Location of Activity

The survey campaign will be confined to the proposed Celtic Sea Array site. The Project is in the North Celtic Sea, off the coast of County Waterford and situated on the Nymph Bank, approximately 23 km from the coast at its closest point. The co-ordinates for each point are set out in the following table and the locations can be found in the map attached at Appendix 1.

Point	Latitude	Longitude
A	51°53.47'N	-007°17.85'W
B	51°58.47'N	-006°48.03'W
C	51°38.43'N	-007°10.47'W
D	51°43.15'N	-006°41.55'W

3. Details of the Survey Vessels

The survey will be conducted by the following survey vessels:

- **“Roman Rebel” (Call sign 2ICA5)**
- **“Lady Kathleen” (Call sign EIXT2)**

As the survey vessels will be restricted in their ability to manoeuvre when surveying, due to the deployment of the towed survey equipment from the vessel for the duration of the survey activities, other vessels are kindly requested to keep a wide berth. The vessels will display appropriate lights and signals. The work will be conducted during **24 hr operations on board the “Roman Rebel”** and **12 hr operations on board the “Lady Kathleen”**. Mariners are advised to keep continuous watch on **VHF radio channel 16** when navigating the area.

4. Contact Details

Enquiries regarding the contents of this Marine Notice, or any other relevant matters should be directed to the Fisheries Liaison Officer:

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All mariners are reminded of their responsibilities under the **International Collision Regulations** and are reminded 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. 50 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, Mountshannon Road, Dublin, D08 XA06 Tel: (046) 9423100. They are also available online at: www.irishstatutebook.ie.

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Encl: **Appendix 1:** Map of survey area

For any technical assistance in relation to this Marine Notice, please contact:

The Marine Survey Office, email: MSO@transport.gov.ie.

For general enquiries, please contact the Maritime Safety Policy Division, email:

MaritimeSafetyPolicyDivision@transport.gov.ie.

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Appendix 1: Map of survey area

