



## Marine Notice No. 47 of 2023

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

### Sceirde Rocks Windfarm Project – Benthic and Geotechnical Surveys

#### 1. Notice of Activity

The Department of Transport has been advised by Fuinneamh Sceirde Teoranta (FST) that Benthic and Geotechnical Survey vessels will be deployed in the Western Coastal Area Connemara / Outer Galway Bay/Atlantic Ocean. The deployment will take place between **29 July and 30 September 2023**, subject to weather and operational constraints.

#### 2. Location of Activity

The equipment for both surveys will be deployed within the bounds of the area detailed in the table below and as set out in the map in the Appendix to this Notice.

| Point | Latitude     | Longitude     |
|-------|--------------|---------------|
| 1     | 53°16.732' N | 009°54.931' W |
| 2     | 53°16.286' N | 009°54.175' W |
| 3     | 53°15.479' N | 009°53.879' W |
| 4     | 53°15.475' N | 009°53.869' W |
| 5     | 53°14.829' N | 009°52.412' W |
| 6     | 53°14.014' N | 009°52.030' W |
| 7     | 53°13.729' N | 009°50.787' W |
| 8     | 53°12.808' N | 009°50.622' W |
| 9     | 53°13.258' N | 009°54.476' W |
| 10    | 53°10.709' N | 009°53.406' W |
| 11    | 53°09.002' N | 009°53.513' W |
| 12    | 53°08.450' N | 009°54.000' W |
| 13    | 53°08.320' N | 009°53.555' W |
| 14    | 53°08.087' N | 009°53.569' W |
| 15    | 53°07.902' N | 009°53.405' W |
| 16    | 53°07.895' N | 009°53.399' W |
| 17    | 52°49.730' N | 009°37.441' W |
| 18    | 52°46.681' N | 009°34.709' W |
| 19    | 52°45.338' N | 009°33.190' W |

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|----|--------------|---------------|
| 20 | 52°45.053' N | 009°34.973' W |
| 21 | 52°46.111' N | 009°36.221' W |
| 22 | 52°49.218' N | 009°39.008' W |
| 23 | 52°49.219' N | 009°39.010' W |
| 24 | 52°49.222' N | 009°39.012' W |
| 25 | 52°49.223' N | 009°39.013' W |
| 26 | 53°07.826' N | 009°55.381' W |
| 27 | 53°10.595' N | 009°55.210' W |
| 28 | 53°13.485' N | 009°56.425' W |
| 29 | 53°13.944' N | 010°00.384' W |
| 30 | 53°17.045' N | 010°04.987' W |
| 31 | 53°19.248' N | 009°59.090' W |
| 32 | 53°18.421' N | 009°58.557' W |
| 33 | 53°18.231' N | 009°58.345' W |
| 34 | 53°18.364' N | 009°58.044' W |
| 35 | 53°16.732' N | 009°54.931' W |

**Note:** Survey Operations will take place at multiple locations within the area specified.

### 3. Details of Survey Vessels

The Benthic Survey will take place using the vessel **Ocean Navigator** (call sign **EI018**). This vessel will operate in daylight hours.

The Geotechnical Survey will take place using the vessels **Geoquip Seehorn** (call sign **5BSW**) and **Glomar Vantage** (call sign **HO3057**). These vessels will operate 24 hours per day.

Throughout operations, the vessels will be displaying the appropriate lights and shapes as required under the COLREGS Rule 27 (b). During operations, the vessels will be restricted in their ability to manoeuvre. Vessels are requested to leave a wide berth during the deployment operations. Radio transmissions will be conducted with other seafarers to notify them of the operations. All vessels will monitor channel 16 for emergency communications with other seafarers and then mutually agree another channel to switch to for further discussion (as needed).

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A Fisheries Liaison Officer will be available to discuss operations in advance and throughout the duration of the survey campaign.

**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, Mountshannon Road, Dublin, D08 XA06; Tel: (046) 9423100. They are also available online at: [www.irishstatutebook.ie](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie).

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Encl: Appendix 1: Survey Operations Area

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