



Marine Notice No. 33 of 2022

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

Subsea Fibre Optic Cable – notification of Pre-Lay Shore End operations in Galway Bay

1. Notice of activity

Further to [Marine Notice No. 30 of 2022](#), the Department of Transport has been advised that SubCom will be carrying out the installation of the IRIS Subsea Fibre Optic Cable System Pre-Lay Shore End, located in Galway Bay. The operations are expected to be carried out from **9 June 2022 to 28 June 2022**. However, please note the start date and the duration of the activity is weather dependent.

The operation is comprised of pre-lay grapnel, direct cable landing and laying operations followed by post installation burial within the Ireland Territorial Sea (TS) area. No work will be conducted within the Irish TS prior to 10 June 2022. Please reference Foreshore Licence FS007246.

A further Marine Notice will issue advising of the follow-on cable installation activities.

2. Location of Activity

The operations will take place at the locations indicated in Appendix 1. Further information on the locations is available in the map at Appendix 2.

3. Details of the Survey Vessel

The work will be conducted by the **Coastal Enterprise** (Callsign **PHCG**). The vessel will have stern deployed equipment and will be restricted in manoeuvrability. All vessels operating within this area are requested to keep their distance and pass at minimum speed to reduce vessel wash. The vessel will always be listening to channel 16 but can set any other channel as required.

Throughout operations, the vessel will be displaying the appropriate lights and shapes as required under the COLREGS Rule 27(b).

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 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. 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.

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Encl: Appendix 1: Route Position List
Appendix 2: Map of the Area

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Appendix 1: Route Position List

IRIS Subsea Fibre Optic Cable System Pre-Lay Shore End

Latitude	Longitude
53 16.2296 N	009 00.9688 W
53 16.2419 N	009 00.9912 W
53 16.2465 N	009 01.0045 W
53 16.2503 N	009 01.0241 W
53 16.2524 N	009 01.0399 W
53 16.2541 N	009 01.0563 W
53 16.2562 N	009 01.0710 W
53 16.2563 N	009 01.0808 W
53 16.2544 N	009 01.0920 W
53 16.2327 N	009 01.1086 W
53 15.9690 N	009 01.5547 W
53 15.2980 N	009 02.1173 W
53 14.9037 N	009 02.3069 W
53 14.8285 N	009 02.3819 W
53 14.7747 N	009 02.4725 W
53 14.7337 N	009 02.5845 W
53 14.6914 N	009 02.7179 W
53 13.8586 N	009 06.1427 W
53 13.8190 N	009 06.3051 W
53 13.5906 N	009 07.0395 W
53 13.4447 N	009 07.5084 W
53 13.1833 N	009 08.8192 W

Appendix 2: Map of the Area

