



Marine Notice No. 79 of 2023

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

Rosslare Europort Offshore Wind Hub Metocean Survey and Static Acoustic Monitoring

1. Notice of Activity

The Department of Transport has been advised that Iarnród Éireann (Irish Rail) intend to undertake a Metocean Survey and Static Acoustic Monitoring on the proposed development area surrounding the existing Rosslare Europort off the coast of county Wexford.

The Metocean Survey will involve the deployment of 2 x 1.2m wave buoys. The survey is expected to be completed between **5 December 2023** and **5 March 2024**, subject to operational and weather constraints.

The static acoustic monitoring will involve the deployment of 2 stations with moorings and surface marker buoys. The acoustic monitoring work is anticipated to take place between **5 December 2023** and **5 December 2024**, subject to operational and weather constraints, with recovery and redeployment at intervals of 4 months.

2. Location of Activity

The survey and monitoring will be confined to the proposed Rosslare Europort Development area. This area forms an irregular shape spanning 1.5 km north-south and 2 km east-west at its widest point. The survey boundary is the shoreline along the southern extents. The array area is bounded by the points in the table below. Further details are available in the map in the Appendix to this Marine Notice.

	Latitude	Longitude
Wave Buoy 1	52°15'36.27" N	006° 19'48.7956" W
Wave Buoy 2	52°15'47.8548" N	006° 20'23.7768" W
FPOD Array 1	52°15'28.229"N	006°20'57.466"W
FPOD Array 2	52°15'47.039"N	006°21'7.240"W

3. Details of the Survey Vessels

The survey and monitoring will be conducted by the tug vessel “**Taktow**” (**Call Sign: SPG5268**). As the vessel will be restricted in its ability to manoeuvre during operations it is requested that passing vessels leave a wide berth. The work activities will be carried out between **07:00** and **19:00** on the deployment and recovery days. The vessel will liaise with Rosslare Europort Harbour to ensure that the scheduled movements of regular ferry traffic to and from the port will be unaffected. Mariners are advised to keep continuous watch on VHF radio channel 16 when navigating the area. For communication between vessels, VHF radios will be employed using a designated working channel (to be agreed with Rosslare Harbour on arrival to works area). In addition to this, each vessel will have a second VHF attuned to the local harbour operations channel (VHF Channel 12).

4. Contact Details

Enquiries regarding the contents of this Marine Notice, or any other relevant matters, should be directed to Rosslare’s Harbour Master:

- Captain Tom Curran
Tel. No. +353 (0) 53 915 7921 (alt. +353 (0) 87 259 8536)

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

- Mark Kavanagh
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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, Mountshannon Road, Dublin, D08 XA06 Tel: (046) 9423100. They are also available online at: www.irishstatutebook.ie.

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Irish Maritime Administration,
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Leeson Lane, Dublin 2, D02 TR60, Ireland.

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Encl: Appendix: 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:

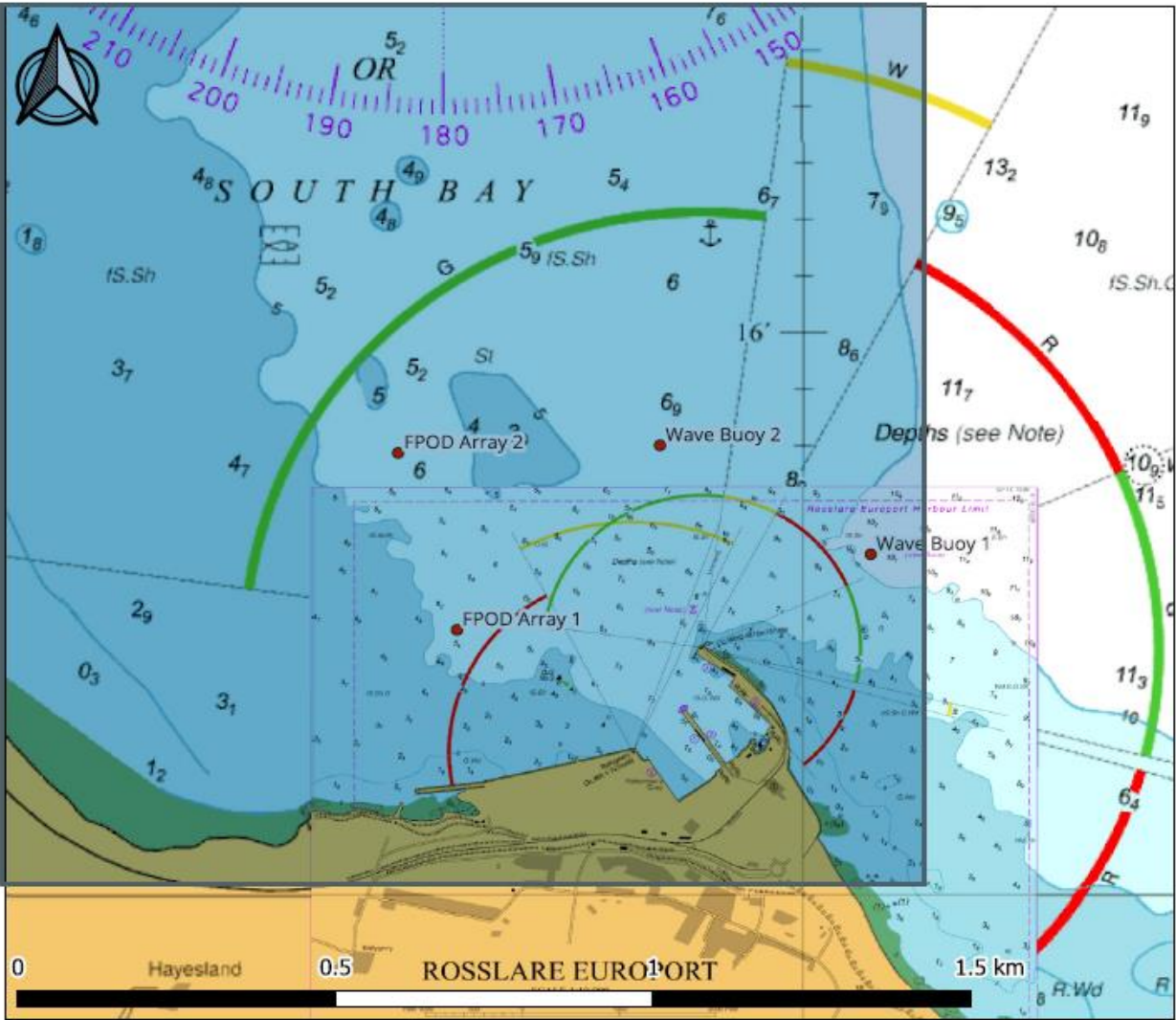
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Appendix: Map of Survey Area



Rosslare Europort Offshore Wind Hub

Marine Notice Points

Legend

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