

Marine Notice No. 21 of 2022

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

Voyage Offshore Array – Geophysical Survey Works in the Celtic Sea

1. Notice of Activity

The Department of Transport has been advised that Ondine survey company plan to undertake geophysical survey works as part of a scientific data gathering exercise in relation to Voyage Offshore Array - Ballymacaw, Harrylock, and Clonea.

The scope of this survey is the turbine array, which is located outside 12NM, and the current plan is to undertake surveys on only 50% of this area. The works are due to commence on **18 April 2022** until **15 July 2022**, subject to weather.

2. Location of Activity

The operations will take place in the locations indicated in the Table below. Further location information is available in Appendix 1.

| ID | Latitude | Longitude |
|----|---------------|---------------|
| 1 | 51° 33.038' N | 007° 07.04' W |
| 2 | 51° 34.959' N | 006° 55.76' W |
| 3 | 51° 22.627' N | 006° 52.61' W |
| 4 | 51° 19.906' N | 007° 08.52' W |

3. Details of the Survey Vessel

The survey will be conducted by research vessel, DP1 *Kommandor Iona* (call sign **GAAK**). These will be 24hr operations, 7 days a week. The vessel will be towing geophysical equipment during operations and the vessel will be restricted in its ability to manoeuvre.

All vessels operating within this area are requested to keep their distance and pass at minimum speed to reduce vessel wash. Radio transmissions will be conducted with other seafarers to notify them of 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 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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Irish Maritime Administration, Department of Transport, Leeson Lane, Dublin 2, D02 TR60, Ireland.

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Encl: Appendix 1

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MaritimeSafetyPolicyDivision@transport.gov.ie

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Appendix 1: Map of the Survey Area

