



Marine Notice No. 17 of 2021

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

Geophysical Survey - Rockall Plateau, Porcupine Abyssal Plain and Porcupine Seabight

1. Notice of activity

The Department of Transport has been advised that a marine geophysical survey will be carried out from **5 to 30 May 2021** southwest of Rockall Plateau and across the Porcupine Abyssal Plain and Porcupine Seabight. This survey is part of the Irish Marine Research Programme project *PORO-CLIM* and is being carried out with the support of the EU Eurofleets+ program (Project PORO-CLIM, Survey Code CE21008).

2. Location of Activity

The location of the survey works as follows:

Line ID	Latitude	Longitude
1	54° 12.000' N	028° 00.000' W
	54° 15.000' N	020° 00.000' W
3	50° 36.000' N	022° 45.000' W
	50° 46.931' N	017° 04.648' W
4	50° 46.931' N	017° 04.648' W
	50° 39.518' N	010° 32.116' W
5	49° 37.259' N	011° 41.882' W
	51° 14.010' N	014° 18.579' W

Further information on the survey area is available in Appendix 1.

3. Details of Vessel

The survey will be conducted by the RV '*Celtic Explorer*' (Callsign: **EIGB**). The vessel will display appropriate lights and signals. All survey operations are 24 hours, continuous over day and night. The vessel will on occasion be towing a hydrophone cable and other equipment up to a maximum of 1000 metres behind the vessel. The vessel will be restricted in its movements when towing a cable astern.

4. Contact Details

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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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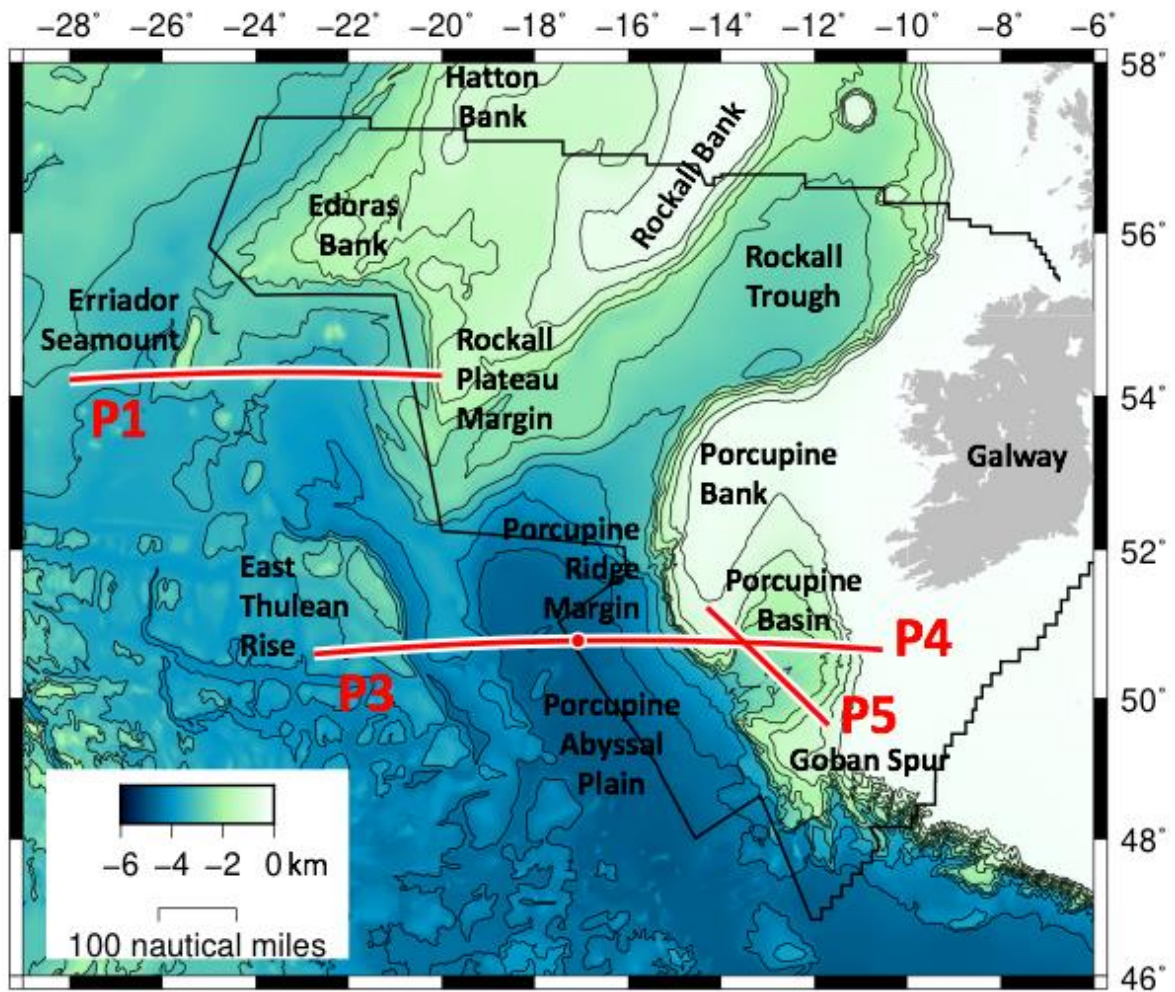
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Encl: Annex/Appendix

<p>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 Written enquiries concerning Marine Notices should be addressed to: Dept. of Transport, Maritime Safety Policy Division, Leeson Lane, Dublin 2, D02 TR60, Ireland. email: MarineNotices@transport.gov.ie or visit us at: www.gov.ie/transport</p>

Appendix 1: PORO-CLIM survey area



Appendix 2: Survey Equipment

