



Marine Notice No. 38 of 2026

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

Southeast Coast Area between Cork & Waterford Hydrographic and Geophysical Surveys

1. Notice of Activity

The Department of Transport has been notified by the Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment (DCEE) that they will undertake hydrographic and geophysical surveys in the South Coast Designated Maritime Area Plan (DMAP) to inform future offshore renewable energy development.

The campaign will involve the deployment of a hull mounted multibeam echo sounder and a high frequency chirp source sub bottom profiler. Towed geophysical sensors, comprising a Sparker Ultra High-Resolution Seismic (UHRS) source, a multi-channel hydrophone and tail buoy (approximate length of 200m), a sidescan sonar and magnetometer with ultra short baseline positioning (USBL), will be employed. A shipek or day grab may be deployed to acquire sediment samples within the survey area.

Survey activity will take place between **14 August 2026** and **10 September 2026**, for a total of **28 days**, subject to weather and operational constraints.

2. Location of Activity

The survey area is on the Southeast Coast of Ireland between Cork and Wexford, in water depth of between 10m and 75m. The extent of the DMAP along with the boundary coordinates are shown in Appendices 1 and 2 to this Marine Notice. Boundary coordinates within which survey operations will take place are provided in the table below.

Point	Lat WGS84	Long WGS84	Point	Lat WGS84	Long WGS84
1	51° 41.084' N	008° 26.235' W	14	51° 57.523' N	006° 15.692' W
2	51° 47.521' N	008° 16.520' W	15	51° 42.247' N	006° 18.410' W
3	51° 47.531' N	008° 15.453' W	16	51° 34.886' N	006° 34.685' W
4	51° 52.683' N	007° 51.951' W	17	51° 36.393' N	006° 34.685' W
5	51° 50.288' N	007° 48.646' W	18	51° 29.953' N	007° 02.804' W
6	51° 56.453' N	007° 30.699' W	19	51° 38.788' N	007° 06.075' W

7	52° 03.452' N	007° 24.467' W	20	51° 38.085' N	007° 19.607' W
8	52° 03.900' N	007° 01.831' W	21	51° 41.149' N	007° 27.776' W
9	52° 01.150' N	007° 01.950' W	22	51° 43.648' N	007° 27.813' W
10	52° 01.048' N	006° 56.070' W	23	51° 44.244' N	007° 39.375' W
11	51° 55.655' N	006° 56.318' W	24	51° 40.795' N	007° 57.620' W
12	51° 55.100' N	006° 27.316' W	25	51° 34.518' N	008° 19.023' W
13	51° 57.783' N	006° 27.166' W			

3. Details of Vessels

The survey will be conducted by the survey vessel:

- “RV Tom Crean” (Call Sign: EIYX3).

The vessel will display appropriate lights and markers and will have restricted manoeuvrability while towing equipment. The vessel will be listening on channel 16 throughout the course of the survey.

4. Contact Details

Enquiries regarding the contents of this Marine Notice, or any other relevant matters, should be directed to:

- Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment
Contact: Jo Coloe
Email: Jo.Coloe@dcee.gov.ie
Telephone: 01 6782000

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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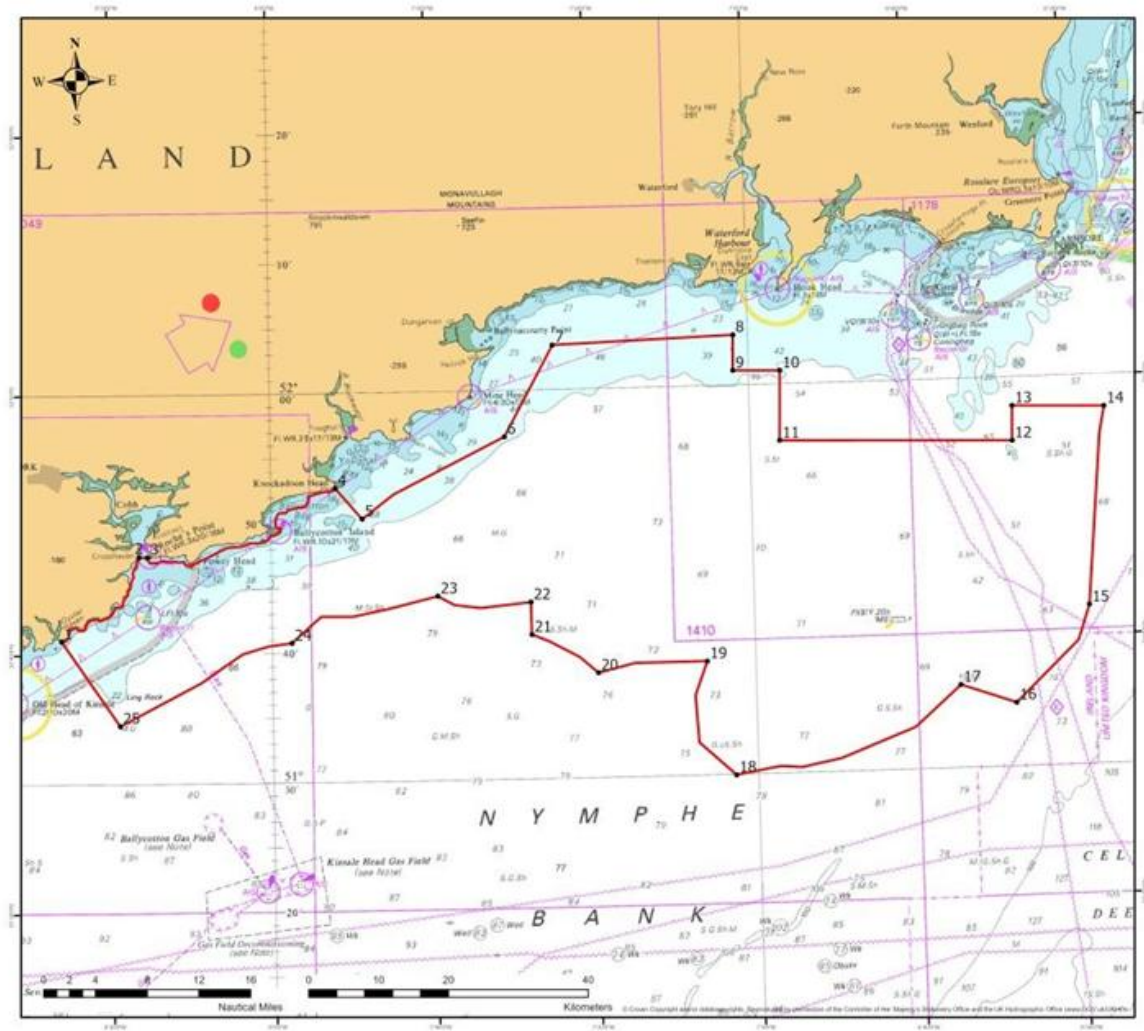
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24/07/2026

Encl: Appendix 1: Overview of 2026 ORE Survey Area
Appendix 2: Appendix 2: SC-DMAP for ORE

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Appendix 1: Overview of 2026 ORE Survey Area



Proposed Survey Area



- Survey Area
- Vertices

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Appendix 2: SC-DMAP for ORE

