



Marine Notice No. 24 of 2023

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

Dublin Array Project Sites - Geotechnical Investigations

1. Notice of Activity

The Department of Transport has been advised that Kish Offshore Wind Ltd and Bray Offshore Wind Ltd will be conducting geotechnical investigations on the Dublin Array project site and associated export cable corridor off the coast of counties Dublin and Wicklow. The geotechnical investigation will include 27 vibrocores which will be sampled at locations within the project work site. Project works will commence on **29 April 2023** and continue through to **late May 2023**, subject to weather and operational constraints.

2. Location of Activity

The investigations will be conducted within the Kish lease area, Bray lease area and the export cable corridor, all of which are off the coast of counties Dublin and Wicklow. The coordinates for each location are set out in the following table and the locations can be found in the map attached at Appendix 1.

Location	Vertex ID	Latitude	Longitude
Kish Lease Area	A	53°18'30.000"N	005°57'00.000'
Kish Lease Area	B	53°18'30.000"N	005°54'00.000'
Kish Lease Area	C	53°14'00.000"N	005°54'00.000'
Kish Lease Area	D	53°14'00.000"N	005°57'00.000'
Bray Lease Area	E	53°14'00.000"N	005°56'00.000'
Bray Lease Area	F	53°14'00.000"N	005°53'00.000'
Bray Lease Area	G	53°09'00.000"N	005°53'00.000'
Bray Lease Area	H	53°09'00.000"N	005°56'00.000'
Export Cable Corridor	I	53°10'59.197"N	005°56'00.003'
Export Cable Corridor	J	53°13'11.031"N	006°06'18.563'
Export Cable Corridor	K	53°15'02.873"N	006°06'43.341'
Export Cable Corridor	L	53°16'02.199"N	006°00'18.549'
Export Cable Corridor	M	53°17'08.860"N	005°57'00.018'

3. Details of the Survey Vessel

The operations will be conducted by the multipurpose vessel “**Voe Vanguard**” (**Call sign: MBEN9**). The vessel will be positioned at each of the investigation points for approximately 2 hours, which may extend in the event of inclement weather. The vessel is supplied with a VHF multi-channel radio and mobile phone. The vessel will be operating 24 hours a day during the survey works. The vessel will display relevant lights and shapes as required under COLREGS. All vessels operating within the planned area of survey are requested to keep their distance, a wide berth around the vessel is requested wherever possible.

4. Contact Details

Enquiries related to fishing, the contents of this Marine Notice or any other relevant matters should be directed to the dedicated Fisheries Liaison Officer for the Dublin Array Offshore Wind Farm:

- **Fisheries Liaison Officer:** Mike Fitzpatrick
Mob: +353 (0) 86 858 4156

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. 50 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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Encl: Appendix 1: Map of investigation area

For any technical assistance in relation to this Marine Notice, please contact:
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