



Marine Notice No. 57 of 2023

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

Clogherhead Offshore Wind Farm Geophysical Survey

1. Notice of Activity

The Department of Transport has been advised that Hydromaster will undertake a geophysical survey campaign in relation to the Clogherhead Offshore Wind Farm, off the coast of Co. Louth, from **11 September 2023** to **18 November 2023**. Please note the start date and the duration of the activity are subject to operational and weather constraints.

2. Location of Activity

The location of the survey works is as follows:

Boundary Points		
Point ID	Latitude	Longitude
A	53° 50'30.8"	006° 16'36.20"
B	53° 50'24.9"	006° 11'13.60"
C	53° 45'23.0"	006° 11'24.72"
D	53° 45'30.0"	006° 16'50.84"

Further information on the survey area is available in the map in Appendix 1 of this notice.

3. Details of Vessel

The survey will be conducted by the **Ros Aine (Callsign: EIZG5)**. The survey will utilise multibeam echosounders, sub-bottom profilers, side-scan sonars, magnetometers, and ultra-high-resolution survey equipment. Geophysical equipment will be both hull-mounted and towed. Typically, the towed cable lengths will be approximately four times the water depth that the vessel is working in whilst acquiring survey data. The work will be conducted during daylight hours only.

Throughout operations, the vessels will display the appropriate lights and shapes as required under the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, Rule 27 (b). During operations, the vessels will be restricted in their ability to manoeuvre, therefore, passing

vessels are requested to leave a wide berth. Radio transmissions will be conducted with other seafarers to notify them of ongoing operations. Mariners are advised to keep continuous watch on VHF radio channel 16 when navigating the area. The survey vessel shall monitor this channel continuously for safety purposes.

4. Contact Details

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

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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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Encl: Appendix 1: 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:

MaritimeSafetyPolicyDivision@transport.gov.ie.

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Dept. of Transport, Maritime Safety Policy Division, Leeson Lane, Dublin 2, D02 TR60, Ireland.

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Appendix 1: Map of Survey Area

