



Marine Notice No. 44 of 2021

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

Relocation of Floating Lidar Buoy Dublin Array Offshore Windfarm

1. Notice of relocation

[Marine Notice 37 of 2021](#) advised of the deployment of one floating lidar buoy and two wave buoys at Dublin Array Offshore Windfarm. The Marine Notice detailed the temporary position of the floating lidar buoy and noted that in due course, the buoy would be moved to a new permanent position in the south end of Dublin Array. The Department of Transport has since been advised by Partrac Ltd. of the new location of the floating lidar buoy.

2. Details of the relocation

Weather permitting, it is expected that the relocation will take place sometime between 4 August to 17 August 2021. As detailed below, the floating lidar buoy will be relocated from its current temporary position at Kish Lighthouse to a new location in Bray Bank.

Site	Latitude	Longitude
Current Temporary Position: S1 Kish Lighthouse	53° 18.484' N	005° 55.280' W
New Permanent Position: S1 Bray Bank	53° 10.645' N	005° 55.785' W

The relocation activity is expected to take one day. The buoy will remain in place for a period of 18 months and a further Marine Notice will issue providing further information on the retrieval of the buoy.

3. Description of the buoy

The floating lidar buoy has a square footprint with an area of 4 x 4 m and height of approx. 4m above the water line. It is yellow in colour and has a St. Andrew's cross on top. The buoy also contains a yellow light which emits 5 flashes every 20 seconds. The light is visible for up to 3 nautical miles.

4. Details of vessel and safety precautions

The **AMS Retriever** (callsign: **MEHI8**) will recover the buoy and reposition it in its new location. The buoy will be towed approximately 30 metres astern of the AMS Retriever at a maximum speed of 3.5 kts. During the recovery and redeployment of the buoy, the vessel will be restricted in its ability to manoeuvre. As such, vessels operating within this area are requested to keep their distance, maintaining a safety zone around the deployment vessel, and pass at minimum speed to reduce vessel wash.

Throughout the duration of the relocation activity, the vessel will be displaying the appropriate lights and shapes as required under the COLREGS Rule 27(b).

5. 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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