



Marine Notice No. 55 of 2021

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

MULTIBEAM & SIDE SCAN SONAR SURVEY off the South Coast of Ireland

1. Notice of activity

The Department of Transport has been advised that an analogue survey consisting of multibeam, side scan sonar and magnetometer will be carried out off the south coast of Ireland from the 23 October to the 31 October 2021, weather permitting, by the Marine Institute on behalf of Providence Resources. In addition to the analogue survey, seabed samples and camera imagery will be acquired at approximately 10 stations in the survey area. The survey will be conducted in Block 48/24 Barryroe, in the North Celtic Basin, around 45km – 50km from the south coast of Ireland.

2. Location of Activity

The location of the survey works is detailed below:

Point	Latitude	Longitude
North West corner	51° 12' 6.0426" N	008° 14' 41.919" W
North East corner	51° 12' 5.0169" N	008° 12' 7.3511" W
South East corner	51° 10' 27.9114" N	008° 12' 9.0276" W
South West corner	51° 10' 28.9361" N	008° 14' 43.5053"W

See Site location Map in Appendix 1.

3. Details of the Survey Vessel

The survey activities will be undertaken by the **RV Celtic Voyager** (Callsign: **EIQN**.) The vessel will display appropriate lights and signals. The vessel will be towing a side scan sonar and magnetometer from time to time with cables of up to 300m long. As this vessel will be restricted in its ability to manoeuvre when surveying, other vessels are requested to keep a wide berth.

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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Encl: Appendix 1 Site location Map

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Appendix 1 Site location Map

