



Marine Notice No. 56 of 2021

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

Discontinuation Of Differential Global Positioning System (DGPS)

Summary

The Differential Global Positioning System (DGPS) service is to be discontinued after the 31 March 2022. This note is to provide adequate notice of the end of the DGPS service around the coast of the island of Ireland.

1. Background

1.1 The General Lighthouse Authorities in Ireland and the UK have provided an augmentation service to GPS (Global Positioning System) signal since 1997. This ground-based augmentation service is called Differential GPS (DGPS).

1.2. The Commissioners of Irish Lights, in consultation with the Department of Transport, has resolved that the DGPS service has now become redundant and has decided to discontinue the DGPS service in waters around the coast of the island of Ireland after 31 March 2022.

2. Further Information and Guidance

2.1 Further information and guidance for maritime users is available on the Commissioners of Irish Lights website at <https://www.irishlights.ie/safety-navigation/notices-to-mariners/2020-04-differential-global-positioning-system.aspx>

2.2 Information at the above link explains the background, consultation with the wider DGPS user group and guidance for maintaining the safety of navigation after the DGPS service ceases in March 2022.

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