



Marine Notice No. 58 of 2021

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

Mobile Offshore Drilling Unit – Stena Spey At Ballycotton Gasfield, South Coast of Ireland

1. Notice of Activity

The Department of Transport has been advised by PSE Kinsale Energy Limited of a forthcoming rig move as part of the Subsea Wells Abandonment Campaign which commenced mid-April 2021 and is expected to run through to November 2021 (please refer to Marine Notices No [12 of 2021](#), No [25 of 2021](#), No [38 of 2021](#) and No [42 of 2021](#) for further information).

2. Details of Activity

The Stena Spey Mobile Offshore Drilling Unit (MODU) is performing the campaign off the South Coast of Ireland with the rig to be positioned at various locations as detailed in point 4.

The campaign involves three areas of operation:

- Southwest Kinsale Gasfield (including Greensand location) – all wells completed.
- Seven Heads Gasfield – current location.
- Ballycotton Gasfield – upcoming and final location.

The Stena Spey (Call Sign: **GCWP**) is currently operating at the Seven Heads Gasfield on well 48/24-5A and will re-locate to the Ballycotton Gasfield area which consists of a single well (48/20-2) around **20 October 2021**. In advance of the Stena Spey arriving at the Ballycotton location, the eight (8) anchor mooring spread will be pre-laid at the well location, using the Maersk Anchor Handling Vessels outlined below.

This Marine Notice relates to the pre-lay operations and subsequent transit of the rig to the Ballycotton well location (48/20-2).

After its arrival in the Ballycotton field it is anticipated that the rig will continue to operate there **until mid-November** as a minimum, depending on operational progress.

Following completion of activities in the Ballycotton area, the rig will relocate to Scapa Flow, Orkney as this will see all wells abandoned and the campaign completed.

3. Details of Vessels

The “Stena Spey” (Call Sign **GCWP**) semi-submersible drilling rig will be positioned using eight pre-laid anchors deployed by the attending anchor handling vessels.

The anchor handling vessels that will accompany the Stena Spey throughout the entire campaign are the MV “Maersk Maker” (Call Sign **OZGO2**), the MV “Maersk Mariner” (Call Sign **OWGQ2**) and the “Siem Pearl” (Call Sign **LDZH**).

The rig will also retain its permanent Standby Vessel (MV “VOS Pathfinder”) that will be in the field throughout all operations and operates under the Call Sign **2ALO7**.

All vessels will be listening on VHF CH. 16 throughout the operation.

4. Location Details

The Stena Spey (Call Sign: **GCWP**) will be positioned at the Ballycotton well location as set out below:

Rig Name	Pivot point	Heading (True)	Location Details – WGS 84
Stena Spey	Centre Rig	236° (235.31° G)	51°27'03.647"N 008°07'34.396"W
RIG POSITION AT BALLYCOTTON (48/20-2).			

Anchor Positions will be approximate as set out in the below tables.

ANCHOR POSITIONS AT BALLYCOTTON (48/20-2)

Anchor	Bearing (True)	Anchor Chain Length	Latitude	Longitude
1	258.5°	1,300m (4,265ft)	51°26'55.379"N	008°08'42.782"W
2	303.5°	1,300m (4,265ft)	51°27'27.030"N	008°08'32.864"W
3	348.5°	1,300m (4,265ft)	51°27'45.992"N	008°07'47.889"W
4	33.5°	1,300m (4,265ft)	51°27'39.786"N	008°06'57.172"W
5	78.5°	1,300m (4,265ft)	51°27'11.619"N	008°06'26.680"W
6	123.5°	1,300m (4,265ft)	51°26'39.970"N	008°06'36.622"W

7	168.5°	1,300m (4,265ft)	51°26'21.016"N	008°07'21.586"W
8	213.5°	1,300m (4,265ft)	51°26'27.122"N	008°08'12.283"W

Further location information is available in Appendix 1.

All vessels, particularly those engaged in fishing, are requested to give the rig (and pre-laid anchor patterns) a wide berth and to keep a sharp lookout in the relevant areas.

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 – Location of Activity map

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Appendix 1: Location of Activity

