

Marine Notice No. 50 of 2021

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

Amended 12/01/2022

Surveys off the Wicklow and North Wexford Coasts (January February 2022)

1. Notice of Activity

The Department of Transport has been advised that Alphamarine will be undertaking a reconnaissance survey in the Irish Sea (off the Wicklow coast) to provide background information to inform future site investigation works for the Arklow Bank Wind Park Phase 2 project. The works will include magnetometer surveying. Survey work is anticipated to start in January/February 2022 and shall last for approximately 3 days, dependent on weather. The location of the surveys will be off the Wicklow coastline within an area as shown at Appendix 1.

2. Details of the Survey Vessel

The survey activities will be undertaken by the **AMS Panther** (Callsign: **2EHC2**). This vessel is a multi-purpose Crew Transfer Vessel (CTV). As this vessel will be restricted in its ability to manoeuvre when surveying, other vessels are requested to keep a wide berth. The vessel will be operating 12 hours per day during survey works.

3. Contact Details

For further information with respect to the survey operations, please contact: Tim Greenwood at Alphamarine at tim@alphamarine.ie

All mariners are reminded of their responsibilities under the International Collision Regulations and are reminded of <u>Marine Notice No. 17 of 2007</u>, 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

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Encl: Appendix 1 Location of Operation Activity

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