



Marine Notice No. 09 of 2010

NOTICE TO ALL SHIPOWNERS, FISHING VESSEL OWNERS, AGENTS, SHIPMASTERS, PASSENGER SHIP MASTERS, SKIPPERS, FISHERMEN, YACHTSMEN AND SEAFARERS

Breakwater at Greencastle Harbour, Co. Donegal

Further to [Marine Notice No. 06 of 2009](#), the Department of Transport wishes to advise that construction work on the breakwater outside Greencastle Harbour, Co. Donegal has been suspended.

Mariners are advised that the partly constructed breakwater extends 155 metres from land and is marked by an east cardinal beacon on its seaward end. Note that the submerged portion of the breakwater extends 40 metres out from the waterline.

As notified in [Marine Notice No.18 of 2008](#), there are ten tubular steel piles located on the east side of the breakwater. These piles are hazards to navigation – the most seaward pair of piles have lighted special marks and the harbour-side piles are painted yellow.

Mariners are advised to stay at least 50 metres clear of the breakwater and of the piles at all times.

Mariners are further advised that strong tidal currents occur in the Greencastle breakwater area. The tidal current pattern caused by the breakwater may affect vessel movement in the area. Strong and localised ebb current flows occur in an approximate East North East direction off the seaward end of the breakwater and are particularly noticeable at periods of spring tides or of high freshwater flow. Mariners are advised to exercise caution regarding the changed tidal current pattern at all times when navigating in the area of Greencastle breakwater and harbour.

This Marine Notice supersedes Marine Notice No. 06 of 2009, which is hereby withdrawn.

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