



Marine Notice No. 28 of 2022

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

Arklow Bank Wind Park - Geotechnical Site Investigation Survey in the Irish Sea (Wicklow coast)

1. Notice of Activity

The Department of Transport has been advised that a geotechnical survey will be undertaken in the Irish Sea (off the Wicklow coast) to provide site investigation information to facilitate the development of the Arklow Bank Wind Park. The survey work is anticipated to start at the end of **May 2022** and be completed by the end of **August 2022** weather dependent.

2. Location of Activity

The location of the surveys will be off the Wicklow coastline within an area as shown in Appendix 1.

Point	Latitude	Longitude
1	52° 57' 37.58" N	006° 00' 08.28" W
2	52° 56' 38.08" N	005° 48' 38.84" W
3	52° 37' 25.43" N	005° 53' 12.34" W
4	52° 39' 08.71" N	006° 13' 19.02" W

3. Details of the Survey Vessels

The survey will be conducted by DEMA vessel "**NEPTUNE**" (Callsign: **LXNP**). The survey activities will include approximately 8 boreholes which will be drilled at discrete locations within the hatched area. The vessel will be operating 24 hours per day during survey works. This vessel is a 60.25 meter long dynamically positioned specialist survey vessel, with her current draught reported to be 7.19 meters and beam of 38 meters. As this vessel will be restricted in its ability to manoeuvre when surveying, vessels are requested to leave a wide berth.

4. Additional Information

Enquiries regarding the contents of this Marine Notice should be directed to the Fisheries Liaison Officer at SSE:

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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 - location map

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Appendix 1 - Location of the surveys with the maximum extents of the survey boundary indicated by the hatched zone

