



## Marine Notice No. 40 of 2022

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

### **Sceirde Rocks Offshore Wind Farm - Inner Array Site - Geophysical Survey Campaign off Co. Galway**

#### **1. Notice of Activity**

The Department of Transport has been advised that EGS International Ltd will undertake a geophysical survey campaign within the foreshore licence area for a proposed offshore windfarm situated near Sceirde Rocks, off the west coast of Ireland, near Galway.

The survey will commence in **June 2022** (approx. 25th June) and then continue within this area throughout June, July and possibly into **August 2022**. Please note the start date and the duration of the activity are weather dependent.

See also [Marine Notice No. 36 of 2022](#), which details the survey of the Wider Array Site and Export Cable Corridor, which takes place during the same time period with a different vessel.

#### **2. Location of Activity**

The operations will take place at the Inner Array Site, off the coast of Connemara, Co. Galway. Please see coordinates indicated at Appendix 1 and the map provided separately at Appendix 2.

#### **3. Details of the Survey Vessel**

The work will be conducted by the coastal tug '**Ocean Navigator**' (Call sign: **EI018**). The vessel will be towing survey equipment astern, which will restrict its ability to manoeuvre. All vessels operating within this area are requested to keep their distance and pass at minimum speed to reduce vessel wash. Survey speed will be 4 knots.

During operations the vessels will display the appropriate day shapes/signals and lights as required by the COLREGS. A continuous listening watch will be maintained on VHF Channel 16 and Digital Selective Calling (DSC).

#### 4. Contact Details

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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](http://www.irishstatutebook.ie).

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Encl: Appendix 1 - coordinates  
Appendix 2 - map of the Inner Array Site

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**Appendix 1:**

**The areas are bounded by the following geographical coordinates:**

<b>INNER ARRAY SITE</b>		
<b>Site Boundary Point</b>	<b>Latitude</b>	<b>Longitude</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>53° 16.214' N</b>	<b>009° 54.303' W</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>53° 13.470' N</b>	<b>009° 56.681' W</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>53° 15.392' N</b>	<b>010° 04.038' W</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>53° 18.310' N</b>	<b>010° 02.070' W</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>53° 18.169' N</b>	<b>009° 58.060' W</b>

Appendix 2:

Map of the Inner Array Site

