



Marine Notice No. 58 of 2022

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

Arklow Bank Wind Park Geophysical Survey off the Wicklow Coast

1. Notice of Activity

The Department of Transport has been advised that a geophysical 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 August **2022** and be completed by the **end of October 2022**. All operations are weather dependent.

2. Location of Activity

The survey campaign will be confined to the proposed Arklow Bank Phase 2 Wind Park. The Arklow Bank area is located approx. 3nm to 7nm off the coast of County Wicklow consisting of a north-south trending sandbank around 12nm in length and sub-parallel to the coastline between Ardmore point and Kilmichael point.

The working area of operations will be at the coordinates indicated in the table below. The survey area is bounded by the following points as shown in Appendix 1.

Vertice ID	Latitude	Longitude
1	52°39.759'N	005°56.777'W
2	52°41.237'N	006°11.844'W
3	52°56.583'N	006°00.882'W
4	52°55.730'N	005°52.258'W

3. Details of Vessels

The operations will be conducted by the following vessels:

- “Roman Rebel” (call sign **2ICA5**)
- “Lady Kathleen” (Call sign **EIXT2**).

As the survey vessels will be restricted in their ability to manoeuvre when surveying, due to the deployment of the towed survey equipment from the vessel for the duration of the survey activities, all vessels operating within this area are requested to keep their distance and pass at minimum speed to reduce vessel wash.

The work will be conducted during 24 hr operations on board the “Roman Rebel” and 12 hr operations on board the “Lady Kathleen”. Mariners are advised to keep continuous watch on VHF radio channel 16 when navigating the area. The vessels will display appropriate lights and signals.

4. Additional Information.

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

Brendan Dillon

Email: Brendan.Dillon@sse.com

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.

Note: Marine Notices are issued purely for maritime safety and navigation reasons and should not be construed as conferring rights or granting permissions.

Irish Maritime Administration,
Department of Transport,
Leeson Lane, Dublin 2, D02 TR60, Ireland.

24/08/2022

Encl: Appendix 1: Survey Area

For any technical assistance in relation to this Marine Notice, please contact:
The Marine Survey Office, email: MSO@transport.gov.ie
For general enquiries, please contact the Maritime Safety Policy Division, email:
MaritimeSafetyPolicyDivision@transport.gov.ie
Written enquiries concerning Marine Notices should be addressed to:
Dept. of Transport, Maritime Safety Policy Division, Leeson Lane, Dublin 2, D02 TR60, Ireland.
email: MarineNotices@transport.gov.ie or visit us at: www.gov.ie/transport

Appendix 1: Survey Area

