



## Marine Notice No. 37 of 2023

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

### Arklow Bank Export Cable Route and Array Area Survey 2023

#### 1. Notice of Activity

The Department of Transport has been advised that geotechnical survey's 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 Phase 2 Project. It is anticipated that the survey works will commence at the end of **June 2023** and be completed by the end of **October 2023**, subject to operational and weather constraints.

#### 2. Location of Activity

The campaign will involve the deployment and operation of a towed Jack Up Barge and an offshore multipurpose survey vessel with Dynamic Positioning (DP) capability within the bounds of the area detailed in the table below and within the area shown in the map in Appendix 1 at the bottom of this notice.

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 surveys will be conducted by the vessels **OCM 80 Mariner** Jack up Barge (**Callsign: OCM 80**) and **MV Connector** (**Callsign: OYOJ2**). The survey activities will include approximately 5 boreholes and various seabed penetration tests, which will be completed at locations within the hatched area shown in the map in Appendix 1. The vessels will be operating 24 hrs each day.

The **OCM 80 Mariner** vessel is an 18m long jack up barge with a draught reported to be 1.2m and beam of 12m, the barge is positioned by a support tug. The **MV Connector** vessel is a 90m long DP2 multipurpose vessel, with a current draught reported to be 7m and beam of 19m. As these vessels will be restricted in their ability to manoeuvre when surveying, vessels are requested to leave a wide berth. Mariners are advised to keep continuous watch on VHF radio channel 16 when navigating the area.

A Fisheries Liaison Officer will be available to discuss operations in advance and throughout the duration of the survey campaign.

#### 4. Contact Details

Enquiries regarding the contents of this Marine Notice, or any other relevant matters should be directed to:

- **SSE Renewables:**  
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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 Watercraft on the Water) Order 2012 [S.I. No. 50 of 2012], and the Signals of Distress (Ships) Rules 2012 [S.I. No.170 of 2012]. [See Marine Notice No. 06 of 2013](#).

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Encl: Appendix 1: Map of Survey Area

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