



Marine Notice No. 38 of 2023

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

Construction of Breakwater at Greencastle in Lough Foyle, Co. Donegal

1. Notice of Activity

The Department of Transport has been advised by Donegal County Council that works will begin on the construction of a breakwater outside the entrance of Greencastle Harbour in Lough Foyle, Co. Donegal. These works will begin on **12 June** and are anticipated to continue until **December 2023**, subject to weather and operational constraints.

The works include, but are not limited to, the following main construction elements:

- Construction of a 150m extension to the existing breakwater;
- Construction of temporary works to include access roads, storage, temporary quay and weigh bridge at Queensport in Greencastle;
- Removal of existing Aids to Navigation (AtoN) and installation of new temporary AtoN's;
- Importation of circa 350,000 tonnes of rock core and rock armour by land and also by sea from Foyle Port;
- Placement of circa 350,000 tonnes of rock core and rock armour using split hopperbarges, jack-up barge platform and tugs.

The works are being carried out by marine civil engineering contractors working from a temporary quay at the Queensport in Greencastle and the Greencastle pontoon using work vessels, jack up barges, heavy civil engineering plant and equipment. Divers may also be employed from time to time on site.

For safety reasons, mariners are advised to proceed slowly and with caution within the area south-west of the entrance to Greencastle harbour and to give the works area a wide berth. Wave wash from vessels should be avoided.

2. Proposed Works

These works are expected to be ongoing until **December 2023**. Please see Appendix 1 at the end of this notice for a plan of the proposed works.

3. Contact Details

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

- **Donegal Co. Council**
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All mariners are reminded of their responsibilities under the International Collision Regulations and 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, Mountshannon Road, Dublin, D08 XA06 Tel: (046) 9423100. They are also available online at: www.irishstatutebook.ie.

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Encl: Appendix 1: Plan of Works

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Appendix 1: Plan of Works

