



Marine Notice No. 54 of 2023

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

Sceirde Rocks Windfarm Project – Geophysical Survey

1. Notice of Activity

The Department of Transport has been advised by Fuinneamh Sceirde Teoranta (FST) that a geophysical seabed survey will take place in the Western Coastal Area Connemara / Outer Galway Bay / Atlantic Ocean between **5 September 2023** and **31 October 2023**, subject to weather and operational constraints.

2. Location of Activity

The equipment will be deployed within the bounds of the area detailed in the table below.

Point	Latitude	Longitude
1	53°16.732' N	009°54.931' W
2	53°16.286' N	009°54.175' W
3	53°15.479' N	009°53.879' W
4	53°15.475' N	009°53.869' W
5	53°14.829' N	009°52.412' W
6	53°14.014' N	009°52.030' W
7	53°13.729' N	009°50.787' W
8	53°12.808' N	009°50.622' W
9	53°13.258' N	009°54.476' W
10	53°10.709' N	009°53.406' W
11	53°09.002' N	009°53.513' W

12	53°08.450' N	009°54.000' W
13	53°08.320' N	009°53.555' W
14	53°08.087' N	009°53.569' W
15	53°07.902' N	009°53.405' W
16	53°07.895' N	009°53.399' W
17	52°49.730' N	009°37.441' W
18	52°46.681' N	009°34.709' W
19	52°45.338' N	009°33.190' W
20	52°45.053' N	009°34.973' W
21	52°46.111' N	009°36.221' W
22	52°49.218' N	009°39.008' W
23	52°49.219' N	009°39.010' W
24	52°49.222' N	009°39.012' W
25	52°49.223' N	009°39.013' W
26	53°07.826' N	009°55.381' W
27	53°10.595' N	009°55.210' W
28	53°13.485' N	009°56.425' W
29	53°13.944' N	010°00.384' W
30	53°17.045' N	010°04.987' W
31	53°19.248' N	009°59.090' W
32	53°18.421' N	009°58.557' W
33	53°18.231' N	009°58.345' W
34	53°18.364' N	009°58.044' W
35	53°16.732' N	009°54.931' W

3. Details of Survey Vessels

The Geophysical Survey will take place using the following vessels:

- **Roman Rebel – (call sign: 2ICA5)** is a Research and Survey Vessel. This vessel will operate up to 24 hours per day.

- **Lady Kathleen** – (call sign: **EIXT2**); is a research/survey Vessel This vessel will operate up to 24 hours per day.

4. Safety Precautions

Throughout operations, the vessels will display the appropriate lights and shapes as required under the COLREGS Rule 27 (b). During operations, the vessels will be restricted in their ability to manoeuvre. Radio transmissions will be conducted with other seafarers to notify them of the operations. Vessels are requested to leave a wide berth during the deployment operations due to the nature of the operations and the vessels' limited manoeuvrability. The vessels will be monitoring **channel 16** at all times for safety purposes.

5. Contact Details

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

- **FST/Corio Generation:**
Martin Whyte (Technical Engineering Manager)
Email: martin.whyte@coriogeneration.com

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

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: Sceirde Rocks Geophysical Survey Operations Area

For any technical assistance in relation to this Marine Notice, please contact:

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For general enquiries, please contact the Maritime Safety Policy Division, email:

MaritimeSafetyPolicyDivision@transport.gov.ie.

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