



Marine Notice No. 64 of 2023

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

INFOMAR Survey

The Department of Transport has been informed by the INFOMAR survey that they have detected two obstructions on the seabed approximately 30 miles west off the coast of Galway.

It is intended to have these obstructions mapped and included in updated nautical charts, so all mariners are aware of it. In the meantime, the co-ordinates set out in the table below detail the areas in question and mariners are warned of the potential risk of operating in the area. In particular, fishers carrying out bottom trawling should avoid these areas so as to ensure no damage comes to their fishing gear or vessel.

	Latitude	Longitude
Fixed position 1	53°01.12131'N	11°03.078441'W
Fixed position 2	52°59.25203'N	11°00.94589'W

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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