



Marine Notice No. 17 of 2024

Amended 26/03/2024

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

Sceirde Rocks Windfarm Project – Benthic Geotechnical and Geophysical Surveys

1. Notice of Activity

The Department of Transport has been advised by Fuinneamh Sceirde Teoranta (FST) that they will be undertaking both a geotechnical survey and geophysical survey in the Western Coastal Area (Connemara / Outer Galway Bay) / Atlantic Ocean, between **6 April 2024** and **10 June 2024**, subject to weather and operational constraints.

2. Location of Activity

The equipment for the geotechnical survey will be deployed within the bounds of the survey area detailed in Table 1 below and available to view in the map in the appendix to this Marine Notice. Survey Operations will take place at multiple locations within the area specified.

Table 1 – Geotechnical Survey Area Coordinates

Point	Latitude	Longitude
1	53°16.732' N	09°54.931' W
2	53°16.286' N	09°54.175' W
3	53°15.479' N	09°53.879' W
4	53°15.475' N	09°53.869' W
5	53°14.829' N	09°52.412' W
6	53°14.014' N	09°52.030' W
7	53°13.729' N	09°50.787' W
8	53°12.808' N	09°50.622' W
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14	53°08.087' N	09°53.569' W
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16	53°07.895' N	09°53.399' W
17	52°49.730' N	09°37.441' W
18	52°46.681' N	09°34.709' W
19	52°45.338' N	09°33.190' W
20	52°45.053' N	09°34.973' W
21	52°46.111' N	09°36.221' W
22	52°49.218' N	09°39.008' W
23	52°49.219' N	09°39.010' W
24	52°49.222' N	09°39.012' W
25	52°49.223' N	09°39.013' W
26	53°07.826' N	09°55.381' W
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29	53°13.944' N	10°00.384' W
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32	53°18.421' N	09°58.557' W
33	53°18.231' N	09°58.345' W
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The equipment for the geophysical survey will be deployed within the bounds of the survey area detailed in Table 2 below and available to view in the map in the appendix to this Marine Notice. Survey Operations will take place at multiple locations within the area specified.

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3. Details of Survey Vessels

The geotechnical and geophysical surveys will be undertaken using the following vessels:

- The “**Dina Polaris**” (callsign: **CQOF**) or the “**Geoquip Saentis**” (call sign: **5BBX6**). These multi-purpose offshore vessels are fitted with a geotechnical drilling rig that will be undertaking the geotechnical survey works.
- The “**Lady Kathleen**” (callsign: **EIXT2**). This is a research/survey vessel which will be undertaking the geophysical survey works.

These vessels will operate up to 24 hours per day. Throughout operations, the vessels will be displaying 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, therefore, passing vessels are requested to leave a wide berth during the deployment operations. Radio transmissions will be conducted with other seafarers to notify them of the operations. The vessels will be monitoring VHF channel 16 at all times for safety purposes.

4. Contact Details

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

- **FST/Corio Generation:**
Site Investigation Manager: James Deacon
Email: james.deacon@sceirderockswindfarm.ie

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

- **Fisheries Liaison Officer:**
Mark O'Reilly
Tel: 085 139 9000

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: Geotechnical and Geophysical Survey Area Map

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Appendix – Geotechnical and Geophysical Survey Area Map

