

Notice to Mariners

Vessels and General Safety Advice

Deployment of scientific equipment 19/03/2025

1. INTRODUCTION

Mariners are advised that Bakkafrost Scotland (BFS) will be carrying out a Hydrographic survey in March, West of Gigha. The proposed works are planned to start on **19th March 2025** and will last approximately **100 days'**, weather depending. The approximate positions are illustrated on the chart extract below:



The deployment location will be marked by 1 yellow buoy, marked “survey”, and 1 orange buoy.

Mariners are requested to navigate with caution in this area.


2. SAFETY

Throughout operations, the vessel will be displaying the shapes and lights prescribed in the International Rules for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) Rule 27 and will be displaying the prescribed shapes and lights when the vessel is restricted in its ability to manoeuvre. Furthermore, it is requested that anybody having knowledge of any potential objects submerged or moored on the seabed, within the survey area, that could be damaged or form a hazard to the vessel and its equipment advises BFS of their position and nature. When operations commence a listening watch will be maintained on VHF Channel 12 and 16 when within the appropriate port authority area.

3. VESSEL

Operations will be conducted by the vessel **MV Melissa**. Contact can be made with the vessel using the details listed below.

| Vessel Contact Details (MV Melissa) | |
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| Call Sign | VSNK8 |
| Site Manager | Craig Johnstone |
| Email | Craig.johnstone@bakkafrost.com |
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4. DISTRIBUTION LIST

| Contact |
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| Campbeltown Fishery Office |
| Clyde Fisherman's Association |
| Crown Estate Scotland |
| Kingfisher |
| United Kingdom Hydrographic Office |
| UKHO Navigation Warnings |
| Northern Lighthouse Board |
| Marine Scotland |
| Maritime and Coastguard Agency |
| Maritime and Coastguard Agency |
| Ministry of Defence- HM Naval Base Clyde |
| Peel Ports |
| RYA Scotland |
| RSPB |
| West Coast Regional Inshore Fisheries Group (RIFG) |
| Scottish White Fisheries Producers Association |