

# Notice to Mariners

## Vessels and General Safety Advice

### Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution (SHEPD) Subsea ROV Survey

**Date of Issue: 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

Please be advised that Briggs Marine Contractors (on behalf of SHEPD) will be undertaking an ROV survey across a cable route corridor, situated within the boundary identified in this Notice to Mariners (NtM).

This work will utilise the vessel 'Challenger', which is detailed overleaf.

Please refer to

Figure 1 that shows the survey corridor boundary, coordinates are also listed in Table 1.

Survey campaign operations are expected to commence between 24<sup>th</sup> February and 2<sup>nd</sup> March and are expected to continue for 7 days (commencement of operations and duration are subject to weather).

Mariners are thanked for their cooperation during the execution of the works.

### Legal Notice

Please be advised that this Notice to Mariners should be treated as official notice of the nature, duration and location of the works which are scheduled to take place. During the period of this notice, we request that you plan your activities around our short-term, temporary activities.

Any failure to remove equipment or entry into the identified location in a manner that would constitute a hazard may be a breach of your duties of safe seamanship as described in the Convention on International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea 1972 and/or the Merchant Shipping Act 1995, and may result in removal of the relevant equipment. Failure to remove equipment or entry into the identified location in a manner that would constitute a hazard may constitute a breach of duty of care at common law, and a failure to protect submarine cables for successful seabed user co-existence under Scotland's National Marine Plan.

**SHEPD shall be liable for any damage, loss or disruption arising from failure to heed the information herein.**

## Cable Route Overview

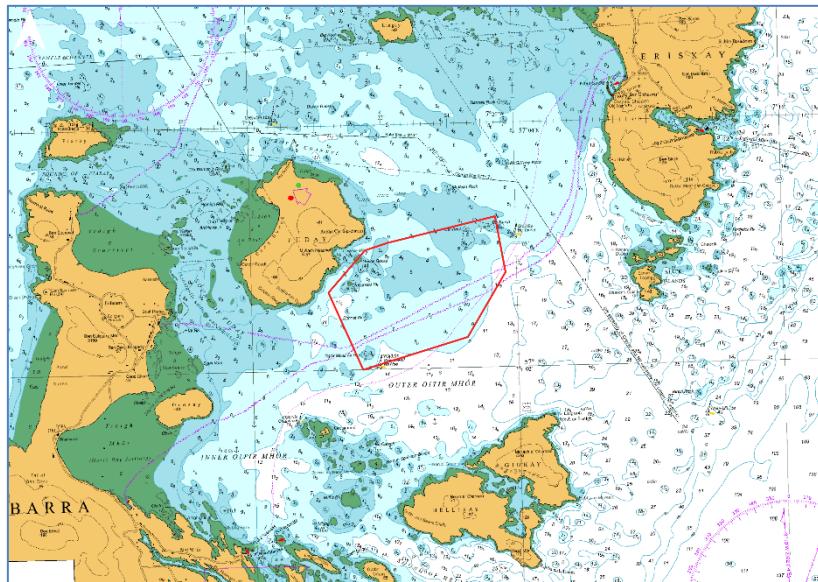


Figure 1: Eriskay-Barra survey boundary is shown in red.

\*\*Extract taken from Admiralty Chart only for information, not to be used for navigation purposes\*\*

Extent	Latitude (WGS84)	Longitude (WGS84)	Vessel
Eriskay-Barra	57° 2.634' N	007° 22.839' W	Challenger
	57° 2.974' N	007° 22.275' W	
	57° 3.031' N	007° 21.929' W	
	57° 3.228' N	007° 20.307' W	
	57° 2.769' N	007° 20.168' W	
	57° 2.245' N	007° 20.759' W	
	57° 1.996' N	007° 22.342' W	

Table 1: Survey operational boundary in Geodetic Datum WGS84

## Work Description

Survey operations will use the Challenger vessel. The vessel will acquire data from survey line plans around the proposed cable route. An additional larger operational area around the survey area will be utilised for vessel manoeuvring and this area is included within Figure 1 and Table 1.

Survey work will be undertaken on a 12-hour daytime basis. During operations, the vessel will be restricted in its ability to manoeuvre.

Should any vessel come within 250m of the survey vessel, then direct communication with the Master is required.

The vessel will display the appropriate lights / shapes for their operations.

Vessel Photo	Vessel Description
	<b>Challenger</b> Dimensions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12m length</li> <li>• 4m beam</li> <li>• 1.5m max draft</li> </ul>

### Primary Survey Equipment

Primary equipment	Towed / Hull mounted / Sampling	Approximate tow length (if applicable)	Vessel
ROV	Towed	~20m to 150m from stern of vessel	Challenger
USBL	Pole mounted	N/A	

### Contact Details

Briggs Marine contact details are given in Table 2 below:

Challenger	
MMSI	232022713
Call sign:	MFM17
Project Manager	Anna Bladon
Email	abladon@briggsmarine.com
Tel	07795 007 012

Table 2: Briggs Marine Contact Details

### Fisheries Liaison Officers

Fisheries liaison for the survey will be co-ordinated by Brown and May Marine (BMM). For any commercial fishery queries please contact the Company Fishing Liaison Officer (CFLO) Meg Kalafat (07702 710176 / [Meg.Kalafat@brownmay.com](mailto:Meg.Kalafat@brownmay.com)).

## Further Details

Further enquiries should be addressed to the following person:

Name	Contact Number	Email
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**Table 3: SSEN Contact Details**

## Distribution List

Any stakeholders identified within the relevant Fishing Liaison Management Action Plan (FLMAP), will be included on the distribution list for this NtM.