

Notice to Mariners

Vessels and General Safety Advice

Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution (SHEPD)
ED2 Cable Installation Works: Laxay-Kershader

Date of Issue: 15th April 2026

Project Overview

MAL Civils on behalf of Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN) are installing a new Subsea Cable between Laxay and Kershader in Loch Erisort.

Ahead of the subsea cable installation operations, shore end teams will utilise a landing craft to deliver shore end plant and equipment to Laxay.

The cable installation will take place with the Woodstock and will be assisted with support vessels, regularly passing inside the working corridor to support nearshore cable landing operations. Temporary subtidal anchors will be deployed in the central part of the corridor to assist positioning of the Woodstock during cable lay.

Split-pipe protection is intended to be installed by the cable lay vessel during cable lay but may also need to be installed by divers following cable lay.

Removal of fishing gear from the Installation Corridor (Figure 1) is requested during the period 22nd April to 26th April. Contact details for the FLO and FIR are provided at the end of this NtM.

Please refer to Table 1 that lists the scope of work, estimated date range and the relevant vessels that will be utilised. As work progresses, further updates will be provided.

Table 1 – Scope of work, estimated date range and vessels

Installation activity	Estimated date range	Relevant vessels
Vessel arrival to site and trials	22/04/26 - 23/04/26	Woodstock
Cable lay, split-pipe protection & as-built marine survey	24/04/26 – 26/04/26	Woodstock, Spanish John II

Project Location

Please refer to Figure 1 which shows the location of the planned works, and Table 2 overleaf which lists the coordinates for the area.

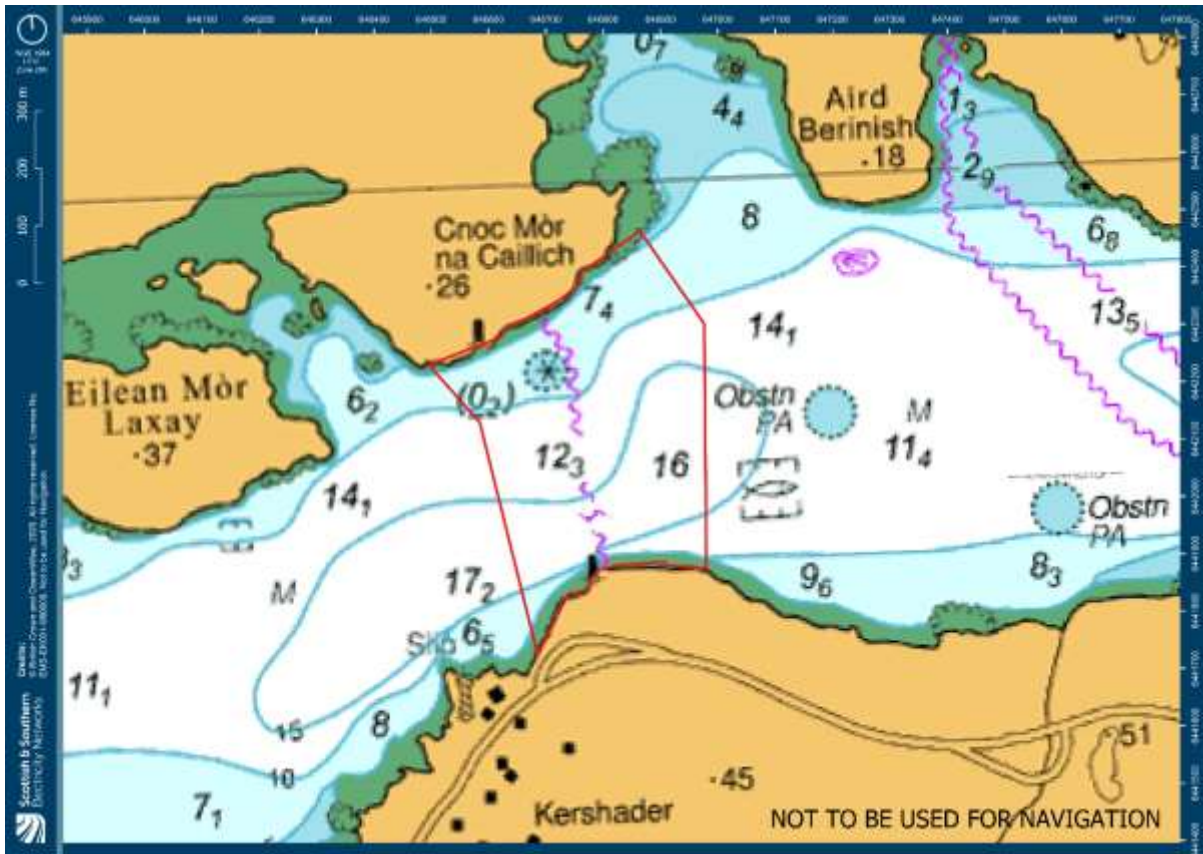


Figure 1 – Laxay – Kershader Working Corridor

Table 2 – Working Corridor Coordinates

Latitude (DDM) WGS84	Longitude (DDM) WGS84
58°5.831'N	6°30.872'W
58°5.855'N	6°30.742'W
58°5.866'N	6°30.729'W
58°5.871'N	6°30.698'W
58°5.887'N	6°30.638'W
58°5.903'N	6°30.595'W
58°5.913'N	6°30.595'W
58°5.950'N	6°30.488'W
58°5.860'N	6°30.380'W
58°5.631'N	6°30.392'W
58°5.635'N	6°30.460'W
58°5.638'N	6°30.467'W
58°5.637'N	6°30.548'W
58°5.633'N	6°30.585'W
58°5.625'N	6°30.597'W
58°5.614'N	6°30.602'W
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58°5.612'N	6°30.639'W
58°5.555'N	6°30.697'W
58°5.776'N	6°30.785'W

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 found on this notice in the event of any damage, loss or disruption arising from failure to heed the information herein.

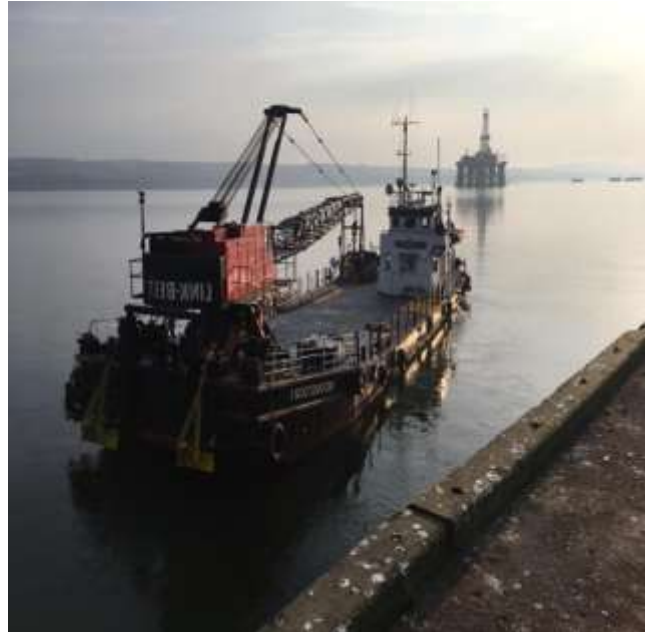
Vessel Details

During operations the vessels Woodstock and Miss Marley will be restricted in their ability to manoeuvre and will display the appropriate lights/day shapes for their operations. Whilst operations will seek to minimise disruption on the width of the main navigation channel, some disruption may be unavoidable during operations within the working corridor.

Operations will be conducted over 24 hours and are weather/tide dependent.

Should any vessel wish to come within 500m of the vessels, then direct communication with the Master / Operator is required.

All vessels will monitor VHF Channel 16 throughout survey operations. Mobile contacts for the vessels are listed at the end of this NtM.

	<p>Cable Lay Vessel</p> <p>Woodstock Length - 33m Beam - 10m Draught - 1.8 m</p> <p>Call Sign - 2BUY7 MMSI - 235069559 VHF - 16</p>
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Landing Craft

Spanish John II
 Length - 19m
 Beam - 6m
 Draught - 1.5m

Call Sign – VQQM2
 MMSI - 235010076
 VHF - 16



Support Vessel

2 x Pioneer

Length	5m
Beam	2m
Draught	0.5m
Call Sign	N/A
MMSI	N/A
VHF	16

Contact details

MAL Civils (Project Manager)	Michael Ferguson – 07399945028; mferguson@malcivils.co.uk
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Fisheries Liaison Officers

Fisheries liaison will be co-ordinated by Brown and May Marine (BMM). For any commercial fishery queries please contact the Company Fisheries Liaison Officer (CFLO) Meg Kalafat on 07702 710176, meq.kalafat@brownmay.com.

The local Fishing Industries Representative (FIR) Alex Murdo Murray (07539 282506), alexmurdo153@gmail.com will also be in place to liaise with the vessels and fishing operations in the area.

Further Details

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Distribution List

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