

Skye-Harris Cable Survey XOCEAN Notice to Mariners

Date of Issue:

- Original issue: 20 July 2026
- Revision 01: 02 June 2026
- Revision 02: 17 June 20226: Update to planned survey start date
- Revision 03: 25 June 2026: Update to planned survey start date
- Revision 04: 25 June 2026: Support Vessel details included
- Revision 05: 30 June 2026: Update to planned survey start date
- Revision 06: 20 July 2026: Update to survey vessel
- Revision 07: 31 July 2026: Update to survey duration & vessel details.
- Revision 08: 20 August 2026: Update to survey period, with a pause in survey
- Revision 09: 27 Aug 2026: Update to survey re-commencement date

Survey Activities: XOCEAN is planning the collection of geophysical data along the cable route between Ardmores-Skye and Flodabay-Harris. The vessel, Orca III, is expected to operate out of Tarbert for mobilisation and for survey activity. The vessel will pull towed sensors (Side Scan Sonar & Magnetometer) through the water in proximity of the seabed.

Dates/Duration: Operations are now due to re-commence on 14th September 2026. It is expected that the survey activities shall run for approximately 14 days, subject to weather.

Survey Area: Figure 1 below indicates the operational area including a 500m buffer from the survey corridor. Coordinates delineating the area are in Table 1 below also.

If mariners believe our operations will interact with their activities, then they should get in touch via the FIR/FLO.

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 where this has been requested, 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, where this has been requested, 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.

Figure 1: Overall Survey Area

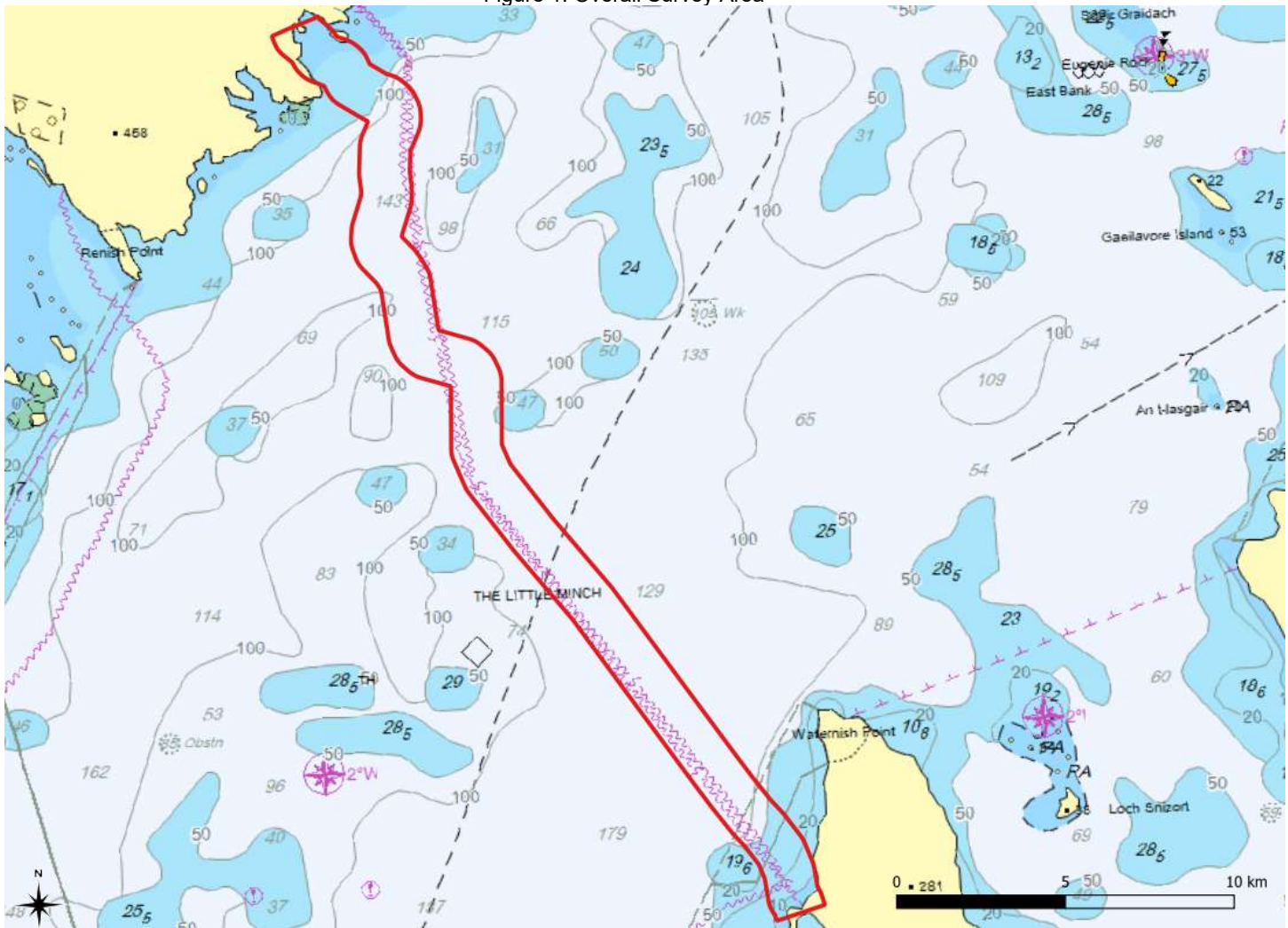


Table 1: Operational area coordinates (WGS84)

Lat_DM	Lon_DM
57°42.58022'N	6°50.57333'W
57°34.03231'N	6°38.47875'W
57°33.65656'N	6°38.37228'W
57°33.36019'N	6°38.16845'W
57°33.13217'N	6°39.61097'W
57°33.38403'N	6°39.81082'W
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57°40.56653'N	6°47.08076'W
57°39.67279'N	6°45.86398'W
57°38.53315'N	6°44.16887'W
57°35.44887'N	6°40.20531'W
57°34.45604'N	6°38.79504'W

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57°45.28002'N	6°49.79788'W
57°44.81564'N	6°49.76883'W
57°44.24957'N	6°50.09579'W
57°43.99455'N	6°49.66654'W
57°43.67525'N	6°49.32938'W
57°42.73583'N	6°49.07727'W
57°42.55268'N	6°48.03503'W
57°42.30547'N	6°47.51721'W
57°47.02345'N	6°50.89333'W
57°46.85331'N	6°50.38924'W
57°46.75890'N	6°49.99717'W
57°46.64777'N	6°49.75906'W
57°46.53696'N	6°49.60525'W
57°46.30140'N	6°49.43288'W
57°47.24942'N	6°53.54672'W
57°46.05353'N	6°49.42605'W
57°47.34210'N	6°53.66708'W
57°45.60948'N	6°49.75961'W
57°47.52434'N	6°53.79900'W
57°47.80459'N	6°52.37925'W
57°47.76139'N	6°52.34936'W
57°47.58353'N	6°51.98043'W
57°47.48089'N	6°51.86252'W
57°47.37906'N	6°51.41053'W
57°47.26941'N	6°51.15653'W
57°45.77327'N	6°51.24943'W
57°46.10966'N	6°50.99466'W
57°46.41539'N	6°51.91536'W
57°46.51379'N	6°52.09431'W
57°46.70008'N	6°52.28024'W
57°46.85609'N	6°52.88387'W
57°46.97130'N	6°53.08400'W
57°47.08299'N	6°53.19399'W
57°43.40636'N	6°50.76712'W
57°43.51661'N	6°50.88882'W
57°43.82966'N	6°51.40337'W
57°44.09357'N	6°51.58985'W
57°44.22862'N	6°51.61675'W
57°44.44996'N	6°51.57051'W
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57°45.28193'N	6°51.31152'W
57°38.05558'N	6°45.38518'W
57°39.17999'N	6°47.05933'W
57°40.16861'N	6°48.39895'W
57°40.76974'N	6°48.82189'W
57°41.83809'N	6°48.77736'W
57°42.02940'N	6°49.84467'W
57°42.28313'N	6°50.34552'W

The details of the vessel, ORCA III, that will operate on the survey are shown below.

Table 2: Orca III

AIS Name:	ORCA III
MMSI:	235092223
Callsign:	2FLI5
Length:	16.5m
Beam:	6.1m
Speed:	Max 22kts
Draught:	1.5m



Figure 2: Orca III, Survey Vessel

Exclusion Area / Closest Point of Approach: Seafarers are kindly asked to always provide a clearance of >500m from the vessel when they are in operation.

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