Notice to Mariners

Vessels & General Safety Advice

Scottish Hydro Electric Power Distribution (SHEPD)

ED2 Campaign 4 Subsea Inspections

Date of Issue: 12th October 2026

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Please be advised that Socotec Land & Hydrographic Surveys (on behalf of SHEPD) will be undertaking subsea inspections across the Outer Hebrides marine areas. Please refer to Figure 1 - Figure 5 that highlights each cable location.

Given the different conditions and water depths anticipated at each site, a range of vessels will be available for the project, detailed overleaf.

The inspection works will be centred on a 50m cable corridor, defined by the start and end coordinates listed in Table 1.

Circuit ID	Cable Name	Start Point		End Point	
		Latitude [WGS 84]	Longitude [WGS 84]	Latitude [WGS 84]	Longitude [WGS 84]
SHEPD_138	Kismul Castle	56° 57.225N	7° 29.225W	56° 57.125N	7° 29.263W
SHEPD_18	Benbecula - South Uist East	57° 23.910N	7° 19.723W	57° 24.230N	7° 19.133W
SHEPD_100	North Uist - Benbecula East	57° 29.144N	7° 17.428W	57° 29.423N	7° 17.316W
SHEPD_86	North Uist - Benbecula West	57° 29.347N	7° 19.938W	57° 30.592N	7° 19.156W
SHEPD_59	North Uist - Berneray	57° 41.809N	7° 11.705W	57° 42.278N	7° 11.289W

TABLE 1 - CABLE LOCATIONS & COORDINATES

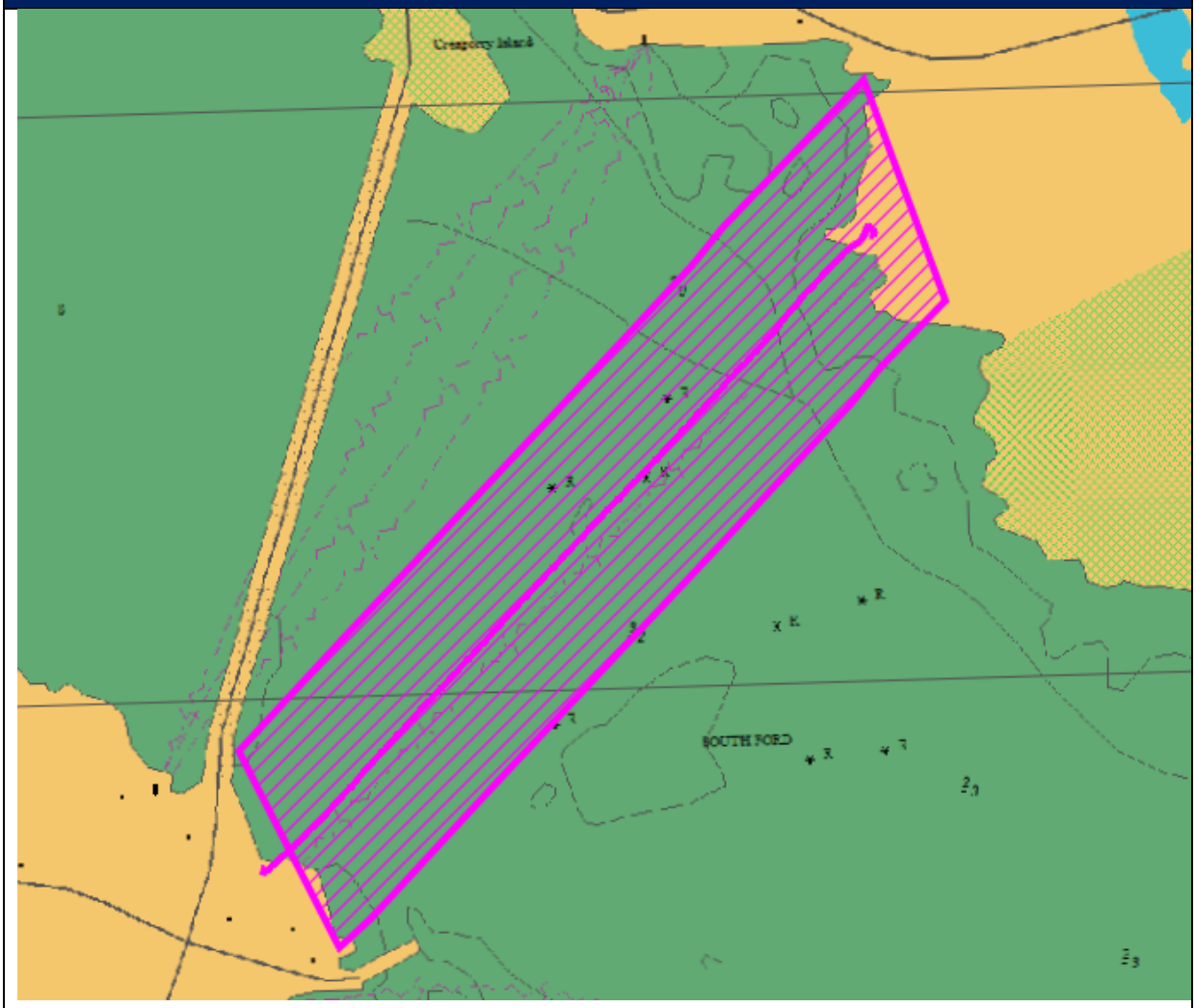
Circuit ID & Location: SHEPD_138 – Kismul Castle



Proposed Dates	Vessel Scope	Vessel(s)
12/10/2026 – 30/11/2026	Underwater Cable Inspection	Proteus Remote Sensor Marine Sensor Coastal Sensor Coastal Sensor (II)

Figure 1 – SHEPD_138 – Kismul Castle

Circuit ID & Location: SHEPD_18 – Benbecula – South Uist East



Proposed Dates	Vessel Scope	Vessel(s)
12/10/2026 – 30/11/2026	Underwater Cable Inspection	Proteus Remote Sensor Marine Sensor Coastal Sensor Coastal Sensor (II)

Figure 2 – SHEPD_18 – Benbecula – South Uist East

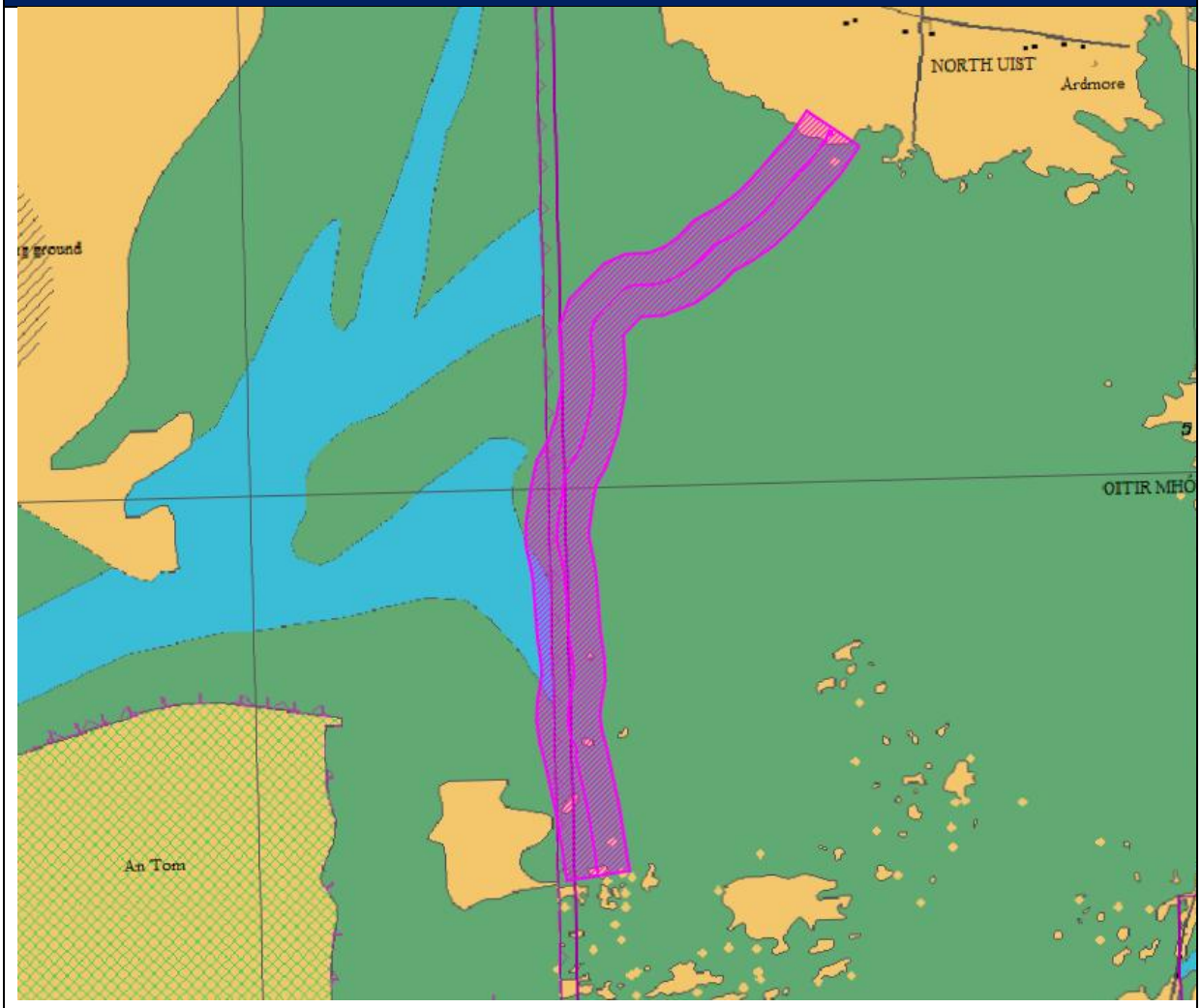
Circuit ID & Location: SHEPD_100 – North Uist – Benbecula East



Proposed Dates	Vessel Scope	Vessel(s)
12/10/2026 – 30/11/2026	Underwater Cable Inspection	Proteus Remote Sensor Marine Sensor Coastal Sensor Coastal Sensor (II)

Figure 3 – SHEPD_100 – North Uist – Benbecula East

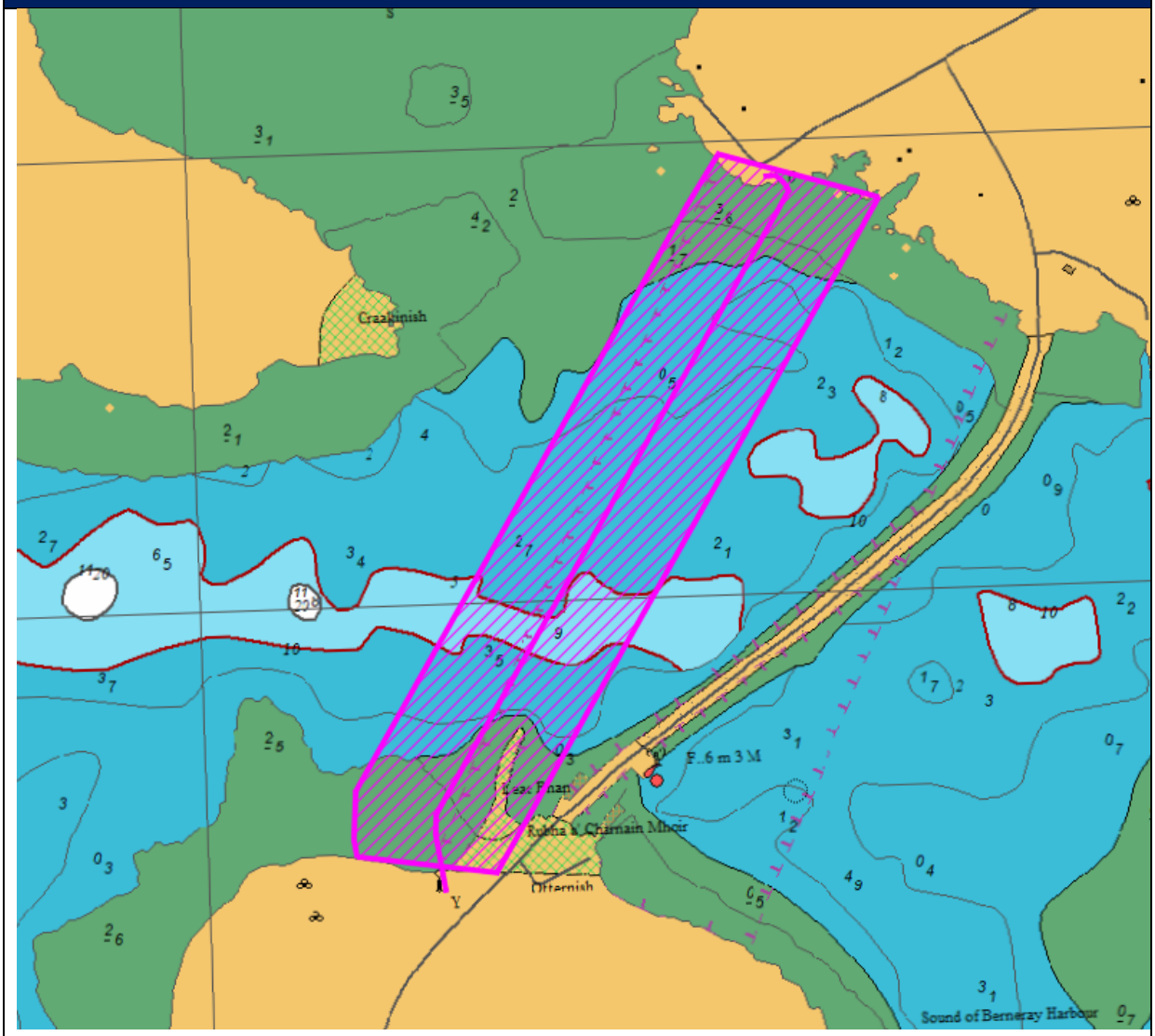
Circuit ID & Location: SHEPD_86 – North Uist – Benbecula West



Proposed Dates	Vessel Scope	Vessel(s)
12/10/2026 – 30/11/2026	Underwater Cable Inspection	Proteus Remote Sensor Marine Sensor Coastal Sensor Coastal Sensor (II)

Figure 4 – SHEPD_86 – North Uist – Benbecula West

Circuit ID & Location: SHEPD_59 – North Uist – Berneray



Proposed Dates	Vessel Scope	Vessel(s)
12/10/2026 – 30/11/2026	Underwater Cable Inspection	Proteus Remote Sensor Marine Sensor Coastal Sensor Coastal Sensor (II)

Figure 5 – SHEPD_59 – North Uist – Berneray

VESSEL DETAILS

The vessel conducting the works will be restricted in its ability to manoeuvre and will display the appropriate lights and shapes.

Other vessels are requested to pass at a safe speed and provide a minimum clearance of 500m (COLREGs Rule 16 & 18) during marine operations.

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

Vessel Photo	Vessel Description
	**Proteus** LOA: 14m Beam: 4.96m Draft: 1.3m Call Sign: 2HBL7 MMSI No: 235102268 VHF: 16

Vessel Photo	Vessel Description
	**Remote Sensor** LOA: 8.2m Beam: 2.9m Draft: 0.3m Call Sign: MQAM3 MMSI No: 235052176 VHF: 16

Vessel Photo	Vessel Description
	**Marine Sensor** LOA: 6.9m Beam: 2.5m Draft: 0.3m Call Sign: MLLR2 MMSI No: 235033255 VHF: 16

Vessel Photo	Vessel Description
	**Coastal Sensor** LOA: 6.1m Beam: 2m Draft: 0.3m Call Sign: 2BRB2 MMSI No: 235068593 VHF: 16

Vessel Photo	Vessel Description
	**Coastal Sensor II** LOA: 6.5m Beam: 2m Draft: 0.3m Call Sign: MAMM2 MMSI No: 232005897 VHF: 16

CONTACT DETAILS

Vessel management contact details are given in the table below.

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FISHING LIAISON OFFICERS (FLOs)

Fishing liaison for the survey operations will be co-ordinated by Brown and May Marine (BMM). For any commercial fishery queries please contact the Company Fishing Liaison Officer (CFLO) Alex Winrow-Giffin (07760 160039 / alex@brownmay.com).

The vessel master will issue regular broadcasts whilst survey works are ongoing to ensure minimal disruption and that vessels maintain an appropriate and safe distance.

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