

NOTICE TO MARINERS

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Port of Southampton - Eastern Solent and English Channel

IFA2 Cable Route Survey

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN jointly with Queen's Harbour Master, Portsmouth, the IFA2 Cable Route survey is planned to commence on 21st July, using Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROV), in the eastern Solent and progressing to the English Channel. The duration of the works will last up to approximately 60 days (weather permitting).

The survey works, carried out by MMT, will be 24 hours a day, using the 85 meter survey vessel 'Edda Fonn', call sign LMER3, and the ROV 'Innovatum Smartsearch Gradiometer'. The ROV survey location is shown at figure 1:

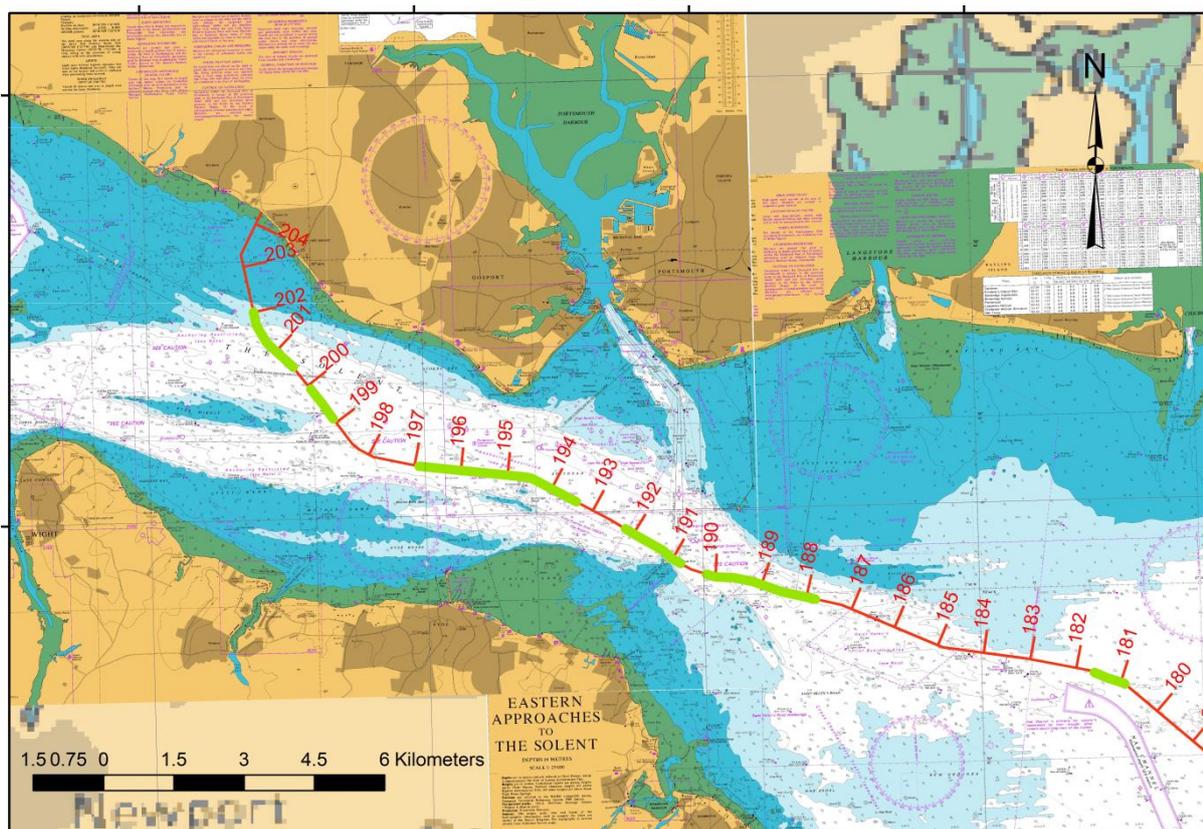


Figure 1 – ROV Survey location

The Edda Fonn (Figure 2) will undertake two separate tasks. For the initial 1-2 weeks the vessel will be towing ROV (Figure 3) equipment along pre-determined survey lines within a 25m corridor of the main proposed route. The vessel's speed will be approximately 1.5 knots and will have restricted manoeuvrability due to the in-water equipment. The ROV will be towed approximately 1-2m above the seabed.

The second phase of the project is to undertake video and magnetic searches of seabed targets identified by the survey campaigns. The Edda Fonn will remain stationary (on DP) during the investigation where the ROV shall be flown approximately 1-2m above the seabed, around an area of approximately 10 x 10m to identify the seabed target.

If the target is located below the seabed the ROV will start excavation operations – approximately 1m below the seabed.



Figure 2



Figure 3

Due to the restriction in the Edda Fonn's ability to manoeuvre when conducting underwater survey operations, mariners are reminded of their responsibilities under the COLREGS and are requested to remain at a safe distance when passing.

The vessel will maintain a listening watch on VHF Channels 11 (QHM Harbour Control) and 12 (VTS Southampton) throughout. QHM and VTS can be contacted over VHF or by calling 023 9272 3694 (QHM) or 023 8048 8800 (VTS).

This LNTM will be cancelling on 30th September 2018.

**Vessel Traffic Services Centre
Ocean Gate, Atlantic Way
Southampton, SO14 3QN**

**Captain PJA Buckley
Harbour Master**

18th July 2018

Owners, Agents, Charterers, Marinas, Yacht Clubs and Recreational Sailing Organisations should ensure that the contents of this Notice are made known to the masters or persons in charge of their vessels or craft.