



**Department of Transport**  
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## **Marine Notice No. 17 of 2007**

*NOTICE TO ALL SHIPOWNERS, AGENTS, SHIPMASTERS, NAVIGATING OFFICERS, FISHERMEN,  
YACHTSMEN AND SEAFARERS*

### **VESSELS ENGAGED IN SURVEY WORK - HYDROGRAPHIC, SEISMIC, FISHING RESEARCH AND UNDERWATER OPERATIONS**

#### **This Marine Notice Supersedes Marine Notice No. 11 of 2005**

Survey vessels of many different types operate within Irish territorial waters. All mariners are requested to give a wide berth to survey vessels when the latter are exhibiting shapes and/or light signals indicating that they are "restricted in their ability to manoeuvre" or are engaged in submarine work.

**The Department of Transport wishes to draw the attention of all concerned to Rule 5 of the International Collision Regulations which requires that a proper lookout is maintained at all times.**

Mariners are reminded that: -

- (a) seismic vessels may have detector cables up to many miles long from the stern of the vessel and should be given a wide berth,
- (b) some fishing survey vessels at times anchor at both bow and stern,
- (c) other types of survey vessels may have divers down.

Close approach to a survey vessel by other vessels is not recommended. Skippers of fishing vessels underway with their gear out are reminded that damaging contact could take place between the fishing gear and the survey vessel's equipment. In this connection skippers are also reminded of their responsibilities under Rule 18(c) (ii) of the International Collision Regulations which states that "a vessel engaged in fishing when underway shall, so far as possible, keep out of the way of a vessel restricted in her ability to manoeuvre".

The attention of all Mariners is drawn to the types of craft to be given a wide berth listed in the Mariners Handbook.

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