

Marine Notice No. 12 of 2017

Notice to all Shipowners, Fishing Vessel Owners, Agents, Shipmasters, Skippers, Fishers, and Seafarers

**Decommissioning of wave energy device and moorings
at Galway Bay ocean energy test site.**

The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport has been advised that Sea Power Ltd and Atlantic Towage & Marine Ltd are due to remove a wave energy device and associated moorings at the Marine Institute's ocean energy test site in Galway Bay. The operation will begin on Monday the 13th March 2017 and will last for five days depending on weather or other operational conditions. The operation will take place within the following coordinates:

Latitude	Longitude
53°13.90'N	009°15.55'W
53°13.90'N	009°16.15'W
53°13.60'N	009°15.55'W
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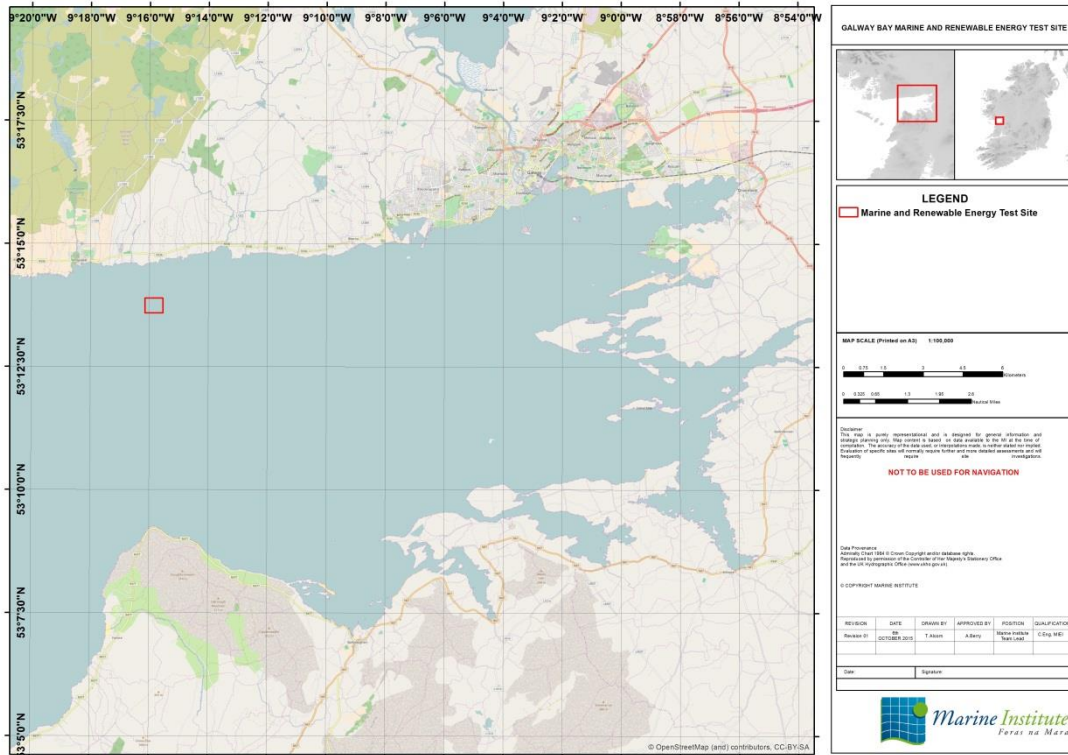
The "***MV Ocean Bank***" (Callsign **EIH07**) is scheduled to arrive on site on the 13th March 2017 to commence the disconnection of the wave energy device from the four point moorings.

The "***MV Ocean Bank***" will tow the wave energy device from the test site to Galway Docks on the 13th March 2017.

The "***MV Ocean Bank***" will commence recovery of the four moorings and anchors from the test site on 14th March 2017 and transport to Galway Docks.

The vessel will display appropriate lights and markers. The vessels will be broadcasting/listening on VHF Channel 16 during the project.

The test site location is highlighted on the map below:



All mariners are reminded of their responsibilities under the International Collision Regulations and are reminded of [Marine Notice No. 17 of 2007](#), which gives general advice in relation to the activities of vessels engaged in survey work for hydrographic, seismic, fishing research and underwater operations.

The International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) are implemented in Irish law by the *Merchant Shipping (Collision Regulations) (Ships and Water Craft on the Water) Order 2012* [S.I. No. 507 of 2012], and the *Signals of Distress (Ships) Rules 2012* [S.I. No.170 of 2012]. [See Marine Notice No. 06 of 2013](#). These Statutory Instruments may be purchased by mail order from Government Publications, Office of Public Works, 52 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin 2. Tel: (01) 6476834/1890213434. They are also available online at: www.irishstatutebook.ie.

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Marine Notice No. 42 of 2016 is hereby withdrawn.

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