

Marine Notice No. 20 of 2017

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

3D Seismic Survey in the Porcupine Seabight, off the South West Coast of Ireland.

The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport has been advised by CGG (www.cgg.com), that a 3D seismic survey will be conducted in the Porcupine Seabight off the South West Coast of Ireland, and will last approximately 50 days depending on weather conditions. The survey will commence on the **20th of May 2017**. The vessels involved will be the “**Geo Caspian**” (Callsign: **3FCZ6**), the “**Bourbon Tern**” (Callsign: **5BDQ4**) and the “**Mariska G**” (Callsign: **HO7662**). This Survey is an extension of operations being conducted under [Marine Notice No. 13 of 2017](#).

The survey operations will be carried out within the following areas:

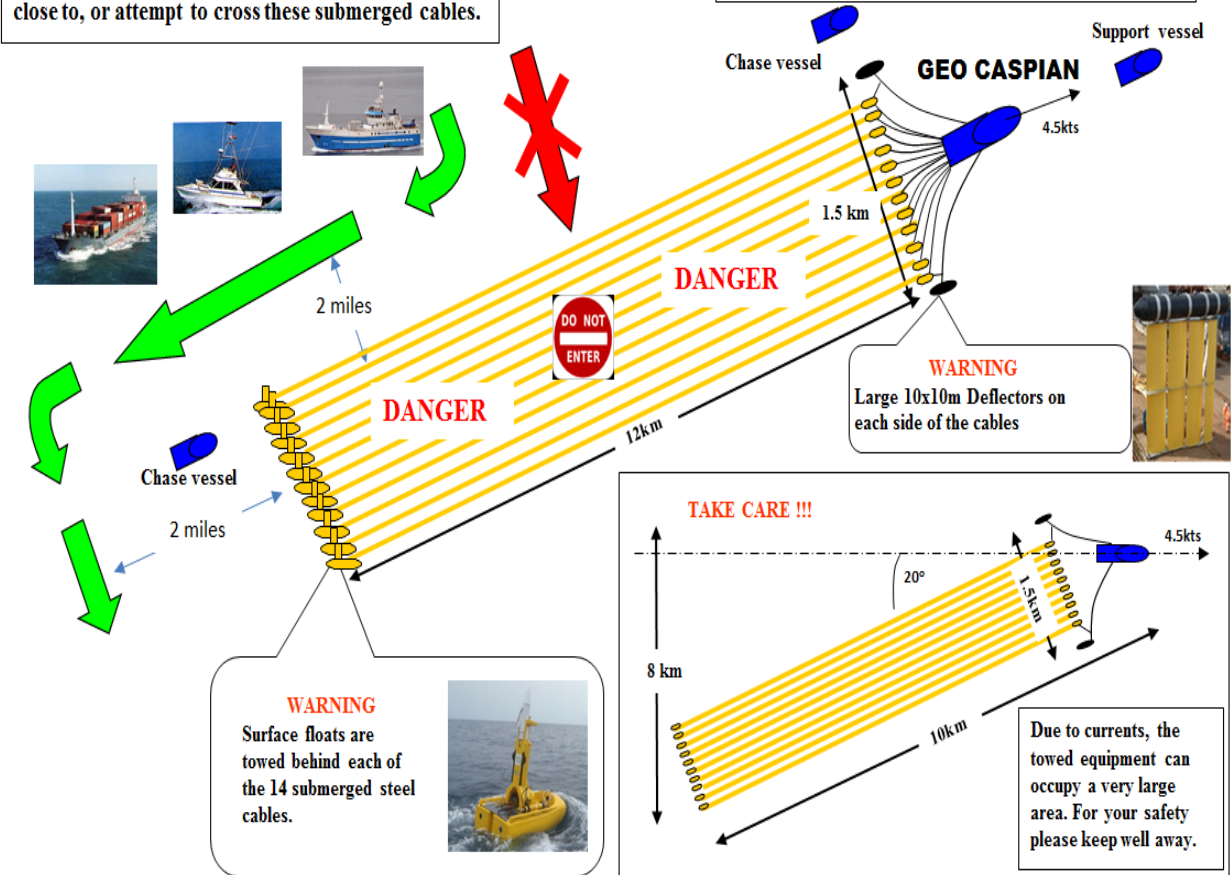
Latitude	Longitude
50° 58' 9.657" N	11° 39' 47.192" W
50° 57' 38.293" N	13° 6' 1.284" W
51° 45' 1.342" N	13° 6' 7.753" W
51° 44' 53.880" N	12° 24' 34.441" W

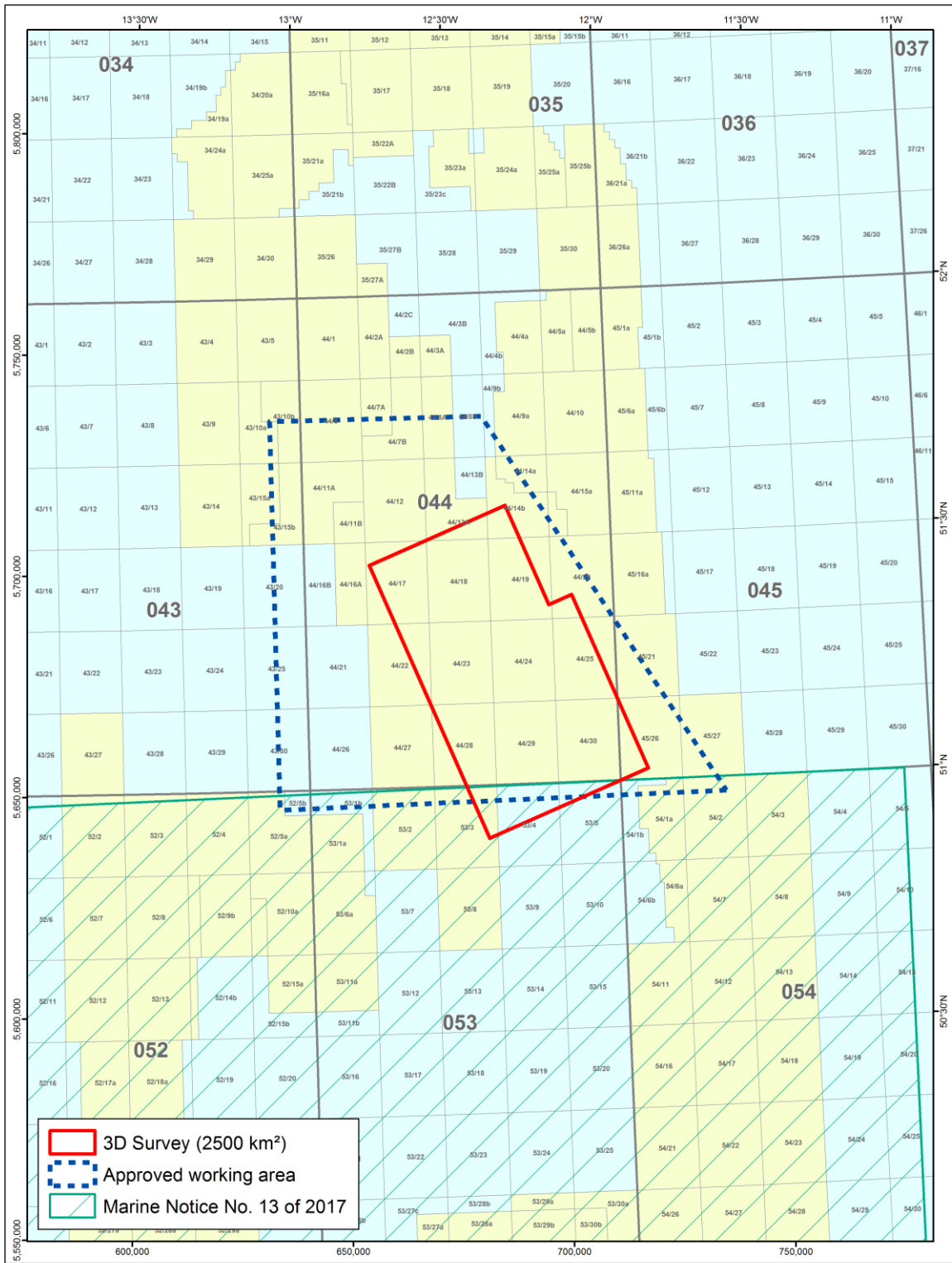
There will be regular safety message broadcasting on **VHF CH 16** by the Survey Vessel ‘**Geo Caspian**’ and accompanying vessels (‘**Bourbon Tern**’ and ‘**Mariska G**’), throughout the project. Seismic activity will be protected by support and chase vessels.

Yellow tail buoys will be towed at the end of each streamer, approximately 8700 metres (4.7nm) behind the “**Geo Caspian**”. Each tail buoy will have a light flashing Morse code “**U**” with an interval of approximately 7 seconds.

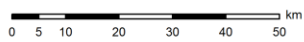
The MV GEO CASPIAN is towing 14 steel cables submerged just under the sea surface at 12 m. It is extremely dangerous for any vessel to come close to, or attempt to cross these submerged cables.

MV GEO CASPIAN is constantly travelling at 4.5kts and is unable to stop or make sudden maneuvers.





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DATE: 17-MAY-2017
 PROJECTION: UTM28N
 DATUM: WGS84
 IE CGG 1007

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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