

FORTH PORTS LIMITED

NtM No 26 of 2022

25th April 2022

NOTICE TO MARINERS

Firth of Forth

USV Operations

Mariners are advised, commencing on or around the 26th of April, sea trials for a small Unmanned Surface Vessel (USV) will be conducted in an area between Crombie and Rosyth as marked by the red box on the below chartlet.

The trial craft is the DRIX-09 (6.98m bright red hull with a single propeller diesel engine).
Call Sign – MKIC3

The trials will be supported by either the vessel ‘Wave Spirit’ (12.2m support vessel - Orange superstructure, silver deck and hull) or ‘Wave Dancer’ (11.0m support vessel - Orange superstructure, silver deck and hull). During these trials the support vessel will remain within 1 km of the USV and manned by Observers and a Remote Skipper.

The trials will be conducted in daylight hours only.

The trial craft will be towed to and from the trial area, and its home port of Port Edgar, by the support vessel.

During the trials these vessels will display shapes and lights as required by the International Regulations and advise FTNS of all movements, the operations will not be obstructive to passing traffic and will maintain a listening watch on VHF channel 71 and 16.

Greg Macintyre

Marine Manager – Rosyth & Fife Ports

Status of previously published notices:

No 10 and 45 of 2019 remain in force

No 04 and 07 of 2020 remain in force

No 07, 14, 26 and 73 of 2021 remain in force

No 02, 04, 17, 21, 22, 24 and 25 of 2022 remain in force

