

FORTH PORTS LIMITED

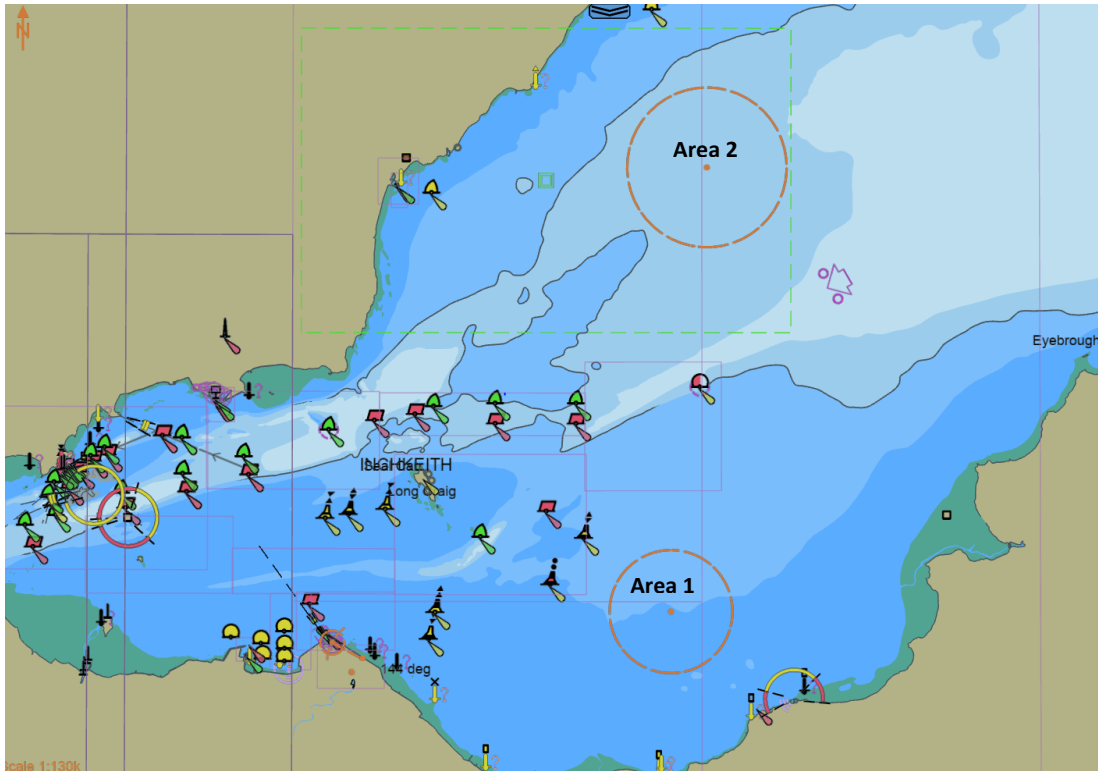
NtM No 21 of 2024

11th March 2024

NOTICE TO MARINERS

Firth of Forth

USV Operations



Mariners are advised, commencing on 13th March until 20th March 2024, sea trials for a small Unmanned Surface Vessel (USV) will be conducted in 2 Areas in the outer Forth (See above chartlet):

Area 1 - Centred on 55° 59.838' N 003° 00.909' W with a radius of 1 nm

Area 2 – Centred on 56° 07.104' N 002° 59.850' W – with radius of 1.3 nm

The trial craft is the '*Shipname: inspector*'. The trial craft will be transmitting an AIS signal and will have 2 crew on board.

The trials will be supported by the vessel '*MV N-sea Geosea*' (84.8m support vessel – white superstructure and blue hull) during these trials the support vessel will remain close to the USV and both vessels will keep a listening watch on VHF 16 and 71.

Mariners are requested to navigate with caution and pass at a safe speed in the vicinity of the USV operations

Colin Campbell

Marine Compliance Manager

Status of previously published notices:

No 73 of 2021 remains in force

Nos 08, 09, 22, and 89 of 2023 remain in force

Nos 01, 11, 13, 17, 18, 19 and 20 of 2024 remain in force