

Sanday to North Ronaldsay Route Survey

XOCEAN Notice to Mariners

Date of Issue:

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• Rev 01:	14 January 2026	Updated Survey Dates
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• Rev08:	08 May 2026	Updated Survey Dates
• Rev09:	20 May 2026	Fishing Gear Clearance Request
• Rev10:	28 May 2026	Updated Working Area
• Rev11:	08 July 2026	Update to Survey Vessel
• Rev 12:	20 July 2026	Update to survey dates
• Rev13:	11 Aug 2026	Update to end survey date

Survey Activities: XOCEAN is planning the collection of geophysical data along a proposed cable route corridor in Orkney, from the islands of Sanday to North Ronaldsay. The vessel, DEEP Atlas, is expected to operate out of Kirkwall for mobilisation and the North Ronaldsay area for survey activity. The vessel will pull towed sensors (SideScan Sonar & Magnetometer) through the water in proximity of the seabed.

Dates/Duration: Operations commenced on 14 July 2026. It is expected that the survey activities shall be completed by 20th August 2026 (subject to weather).

Survey Area: Figure 1 below indicates the operational area in red. This is outlined in Table 1 below also.

Legal Notice

Please be advised that this Notice to Mariners should be treated as official notice of the nature, duration and location of the works which are scheduled to take place. During the period of this notice, we request that you plan your activities around our short-term, temporary activities. Mariners who believe their operations may be affected by the activities described in this notice are requested to contact the Fishing Liaison Officer or Fishing Industry Representative as detailed at the end of this notice.

Any failure to remove equipment where this has been requested, or entry into the identified location in a manner that would constitute a hazard may be a breach of your duties of safe seamanship as described in the Convention on International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea 1972 and/or the Merchant Shipping Act 1995, and may result in removal of the relevant equipment. Failure to remove equipment, where this has been requested, or entry into the identified location in a manner that would constitute a hazard may constitute a breach of duty of care at common law, and a failure to protect submarine cables for successful seabed user co-existence under Scotland's National Marine Plan.

SHEPD shall found on this notice in the event of any damage, loss or disruption arising from failure to heed the information herein.

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Figure 1: Overall Survey Area



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Table 1: Operational area coordinates (WGS84)

Lat_DM	Lon_DM
59°21.39213'N	2°26.41622'W
59°21.41052'N	2°26.35265'W
59°19.59995'N	2°28.74239'W
59°21.47011'N	2°26.18857'W
59°19.69162'N	2°28.53276'W
59°21.43137'N	2°25.86302'W
59°19.96630'N	2°27.43115'W
59°21.26376'N	2°25.61840'W
59°20.81726'N	2°26.70135'W
59°20.92736'N	2°25.51724'W
59°21.29932'N	2°26.87184'W
59°20.88089'N	2°25.39995'W
59°20.84417'N	2°25.03664'W
59°20.76401'N	2°24.80688'W
59°20.12364'N	2°24.58152'W
59°19.93336'N	2°24.65399'W
59°19.51121'N	2°25.17212'W
59°18.43406'N	2°26.98794'W
59°18.39543'N	2°26.98497'W
59°17.88936'N	2°26.84289'W
59°17.52292'N	2°26.96571'W
59°17.38773'N	2°27.10041'W
59°17.34259'N	2°27.30749'W
59°17.27905'N	2°27.96212'W
59°17.35099'N	2°28.42826'W
59°17.42232'N	2°28.57105'W
59°17.46296'N	2°28.73173'W
59°17.53930'N	2°28.86362'W
59°17.64738'N	2°29.01715'W
59°18.58116'N	2°29.65512'W
59°18.78484'N	2°29.63438'W
59°19.40047'N	2°29.06692'W
59°19.46580'N	2°28.98198'W
59°21.30401'N	2°26.62574'W

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59°21.33083'N

2°26.51845'W

The details of the vessel, DEEP Atlas that will operate on the survey are shown below.

Table 2: DEEP Atlas

AIS Name:	DEEP Atlas
MMSI:	244830902
Callsign:	PCOI
Length:	13.00m
Beam:	5.6 m
Speed:	18kts
Draught:	1.2m



Figure 2: DEEP Atlas, Survey Vessel

Exclusion Area / Closest Point of Approach: Seafarers are kindly asked to provide a clearance of >500m from the vessel at all times when they are in operation.

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Fishing Liaison Officers:

Fishing liaison for the operations will be co-ordinated by Brown and May Marine. For any commercial fishery queries please contact the Company Fishing Liaison Officers (CFLOs):

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The local Fishing Industries Representative (FIR) will also be in place to liaise with the vessels and fishing operations in the survey area.

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