NOTICE TO MARINERS

ROV Survey - North Fara
(Scapa Flow Harbour Area)

1. Description of Works

Mariners are advised that Cooke Scotland intends to undertake a visual survey using a Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) in the waters to the north-east of Fara, within the Scapa Flow Harbour Area. The survey will be completed within the survey area shown in figures 1 and 2.

The ROV will be deployed from a survey vessel and operated on a tether. The vessel may be moving slowly, holding position or manoeuvring within the survey area while transects are completed. Mariners are requested to pass with caution and maintain a minimum safe distance of 200 metres from the survey vessel while ROV operations are in progress.

2. Survey Schedule and Communications

Survey window: 1-2 days between Monday 9 November and Sunday 15 November 2026, subject to suitable weather, tidal conditions and vessel availability.

On the day of the survey, the survey vessel will contact relevant local vessel traffic, including the ferry operating in the area, by VHF before commencing work and will provide updates as required. The survey vessel will maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 11 during operations.

Mariners should reference this Notice to Mariners when communicating with the survey vessel and should follow any reasonable passing arrangements agreed by VHF on the day.

3. Survey Area

The ROV transects will be undertaken within the survey box defined by the corner coordinates below.

Corner	Easting (m)	Northing (m)	Latitude (WGS 84)	Longitude (WGS 84)
SW	333227	996067	58° 50.810′ N	3° 9.530′ W
NW	332953	997440	58° 51.547′ N	3° 9.839′ W
NE	334449	997738	58° 51.722′ N	3° 8.289′ W
SE	334724	996365	58° 50.984′ N	3° 7.979′ W

Coordinate systems: Eastings and northings are British National Grid (OSGB36 / EPSG:27700). Latitude and longitude are WGS 84, expressed as degrees and decimal minutes.

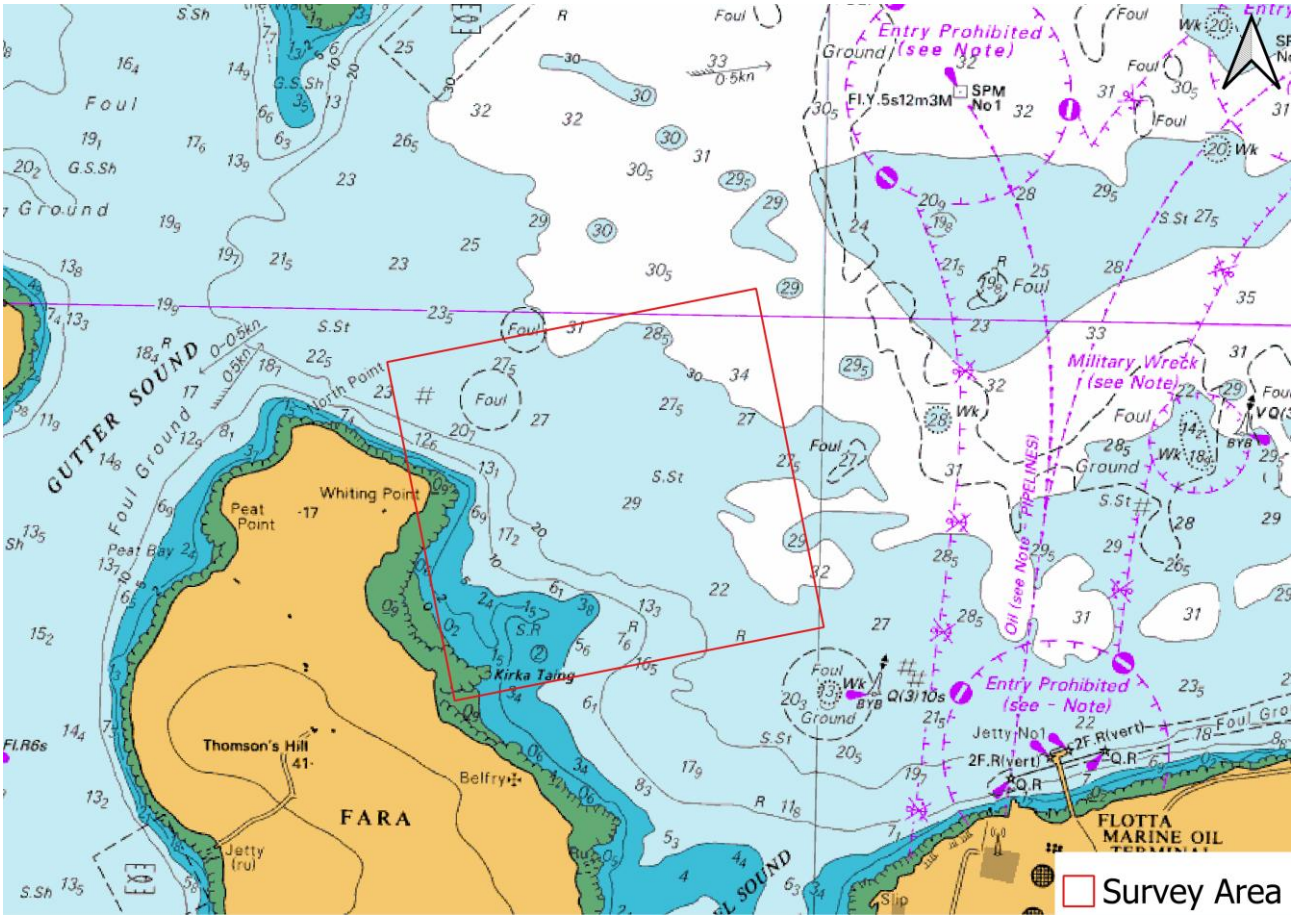


Figure 1. North Fara ROV survey area shown on Admiralty chart.

4. Equipment and Vessel Operations

The works will be carried out from a suitable survey vessel operated by experienced personnel. The ROV will be connected to the vessel by a tether, which may extend up to approximately 100 metres from the vessel during operations. The vessel may therefore have restricted ability to manoeuvre while the ROV is deployed.

No permanent equipment will be installed or left on the seabed as part of the survey.

5. Purpose of Works

The survey will collect visual information on seabed characteristics and marine habitats within the proposed survey area.

6. Responsible Parties and Contact

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7. Risk Assessment

A marine operations risk assessment and method statement will be in place for the works. Key control measures include:

- Survey operations in suitable weather and tidal conditions only
- Use of experienced vessel crew and ROV operators
- Continuous vessel communications and a listening watch on VHF Channel 11
- Direct VHF communication with relevant local vessel traffic on the day of operations
- A minimum requested passing distance of 200 metres while the ROV is deployed

Mariners are requested to navigate with caution in the vicinity, maintain a minimum safe distance of 200 metres from the survey vessel while ROV operations are underway.