

NOTICE TO MARINERS No.L3 of 2012

THAMES ESTUARY UPDATE ON LONDON ARRAY EXPORT POWER CABLE LAYING OPERATIONS

This Notice supersedes Notice to Mariner L18 of 2011 which is now cancelled.

The London Array Wind farm site is located on and between Longsand and Kentish Knock. Work on laying the second cable is now planned to start on or about the 20th January 2012 with remaining cables being installed in the summer of 2012.

The cable lay will be undertaken by the cable laying vessel STEMAT SPIRIT. The STEMAT SPIRIT will display lights & shapes in accordance with International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea 1972, Rule 27 (b). STEMAT SPIRIT will maintain listening watch on VHF channel 69 & 16.

STEMAT SPIRIT will be accompanied by a number of work boats and anchor handling vessels and will be manoeuvring using an anchor spread pattern.

Laying of cable across the Princess Channel

The route of the cables will cross the Princess Channel in a north-easterly direction at the eastern entrance near Princes South and North buoys, and also cross the entrance to Fishermans Gat (see *chartlet overleaf*).

The operation will be in three stages to ensure a minimum 300 metres channel is maintained at all times. The STEMAT SPIRIT will be deploying a single anchor up to a distance of 800m ahead of the vessel and will also be operating in dynamic positioning mode.

All vessels are to give the STEMAT SPIRIT as wide a berth as possible and proceed with extreme caution at reduced speed. London VTS will give direction on whether to pass the STEMAT SPIRIT to the north or south side of the vessel.

Cable Laying across the entrance of Fishermans Gat

Whilst the cable is being laid across the entrance of Fishermans Gat the Fishermans Gat will be **CLOSED to NAVIGATION** for this part of the operation. London VTS will broadcast when the Gat is closed.

Latest information can be obtained from London VTS either by telephone 01474 560311 or by VHF channel 69. Additional project information can be obtained from London array's website www.londonarray.com.

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