



NOTICE TO MARINERS

No 63/15

HDD LINK BETWEEN ARDNEIL BAY AND THE KINTYRE PENINSULAR

BETWEEN 55°41.74'N 004°53.36'W AND 55°41.97'N 005°26.93'W

ARDNEIL BAY TO PORT A' MHIADAIR SEABED SUBMARINE CABLE – ROCK PLACEMENT

Chart 2131

Mariners are advised that further works on the underwater cables between Ardneil Bay and Port a' Mhiadair, on the Kintyre Peninsular, will take place between, on and about Saturday 5th September 2015, until, on and about, Wednesday 9th September 2015.

The underwater rock placement operations will be carried out between 55°41.74'N 004°53.36'W and 55°41.97'N 005°26.93'W, will be conducted by two vessels; the Seahorse (Image 1) and the Rockpiper (Image 2). The illustration below show the areas (black boxes) where the rock placement will take place.



North and South Cable Routes with Areas Marked (black boxes) for Rock Placement



Image 1 – SEAHORSE



Image 2 – ROCKPIPER

Whilst SEAHORSE and ROCKPIPER are conducting the rock placement and supporting operations, they will be **Restricted in its Ability to Manoeuvre**. All vessels operating within this area are to keep clear of SEAHORSE and ROCKPIPER, 500 metres ahead, 1000 metres abeam and astern of the vessel to maintain a safe distance.

During operations the vessels will display the appropriate day shapes/signals and at times of reduced visibility the appropriate lights as required by the IRPCS. The vessels will also actively transmit an AIS signal. A continuous listening watch will be maintained on VHF Channel 16 and 12 DSC.

Vessels are to call the Cable Guardship (see NTM 42/15 for detail) for direction on VHF Channel 16 if unsure on her activity and for information on operating areas at that time.

For further information contact Estuary Control ☎01475-726221 or VHF 12.

Cancel NTM's 36/15 and 41/15.