

Notice to Mariners

Scotia Fugro- Western Link Cable Route Survey

Geophysical Survey Operations

Mariners are advised that a dedicated geophysical survey will be conducted at 14 locations on the existing Western Link cable route in the Firth of Clyde, North Channel, and northern Irish Sea.

Please be advised that depending on weather conditions, the Scotia will commence geophysical survey operations on 5th December 2025.

Project Description

Western Link is a 390km submarine HVDC link undertaken as a joint venture between National Grid and Scottish Power. The cable route includes two HVDC cables that extends between Hunterston in Ayrshire and The Wirral. The cables have a capacity of 2,200 MW and are buried up to 3m but more generally 2m or less. Water depths along the cable route vary between +7m (at the HDD exit point) and approximately 170m deep. Along the majority of the route (circa 320km), the cables are laid separately, with a typical separation of 30m.

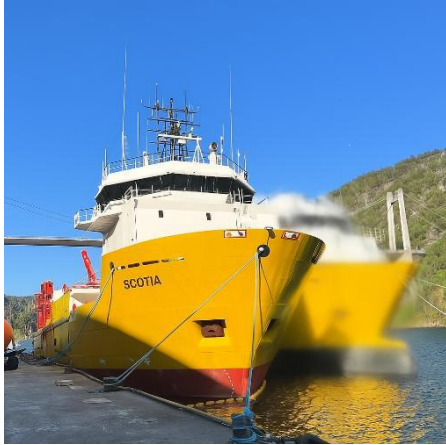


Figure 1: Overview of the Western Link Cable Route

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Vessel : Scotia



Vessel Specifications

Call Sign: LANJ8

Owner: Sea Shipping AS

MMSI: 259057000

Length: 67

Beam: 16

Max. Draught: 5.9

Email: Captain.Scotia@seashipping.no

Work Area

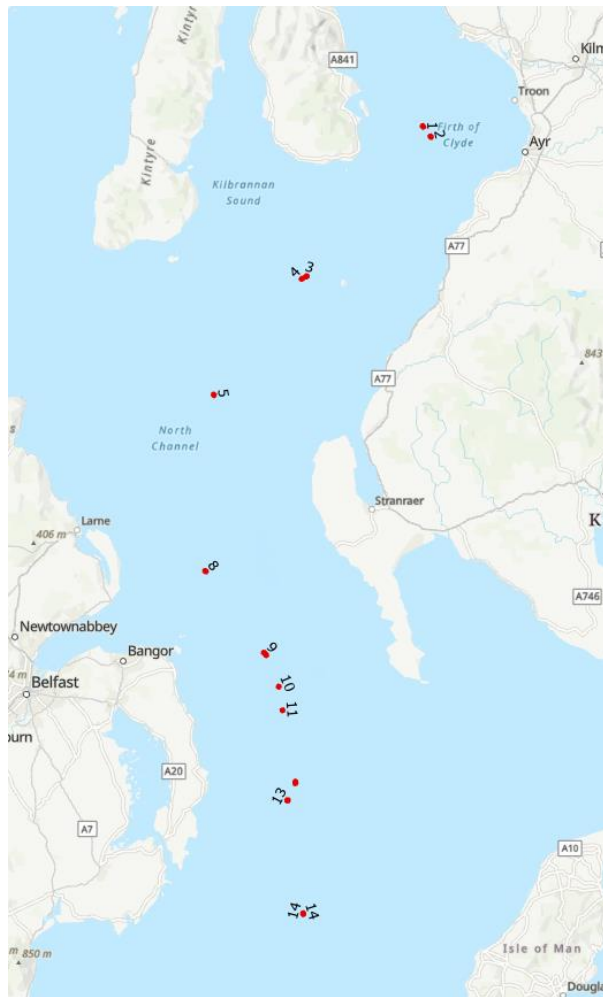
A detailed geophysical inspection survey at 14 areas along the route will be undertaken utilising an Remotely operated vehicle (ROV) with cable detection and Multibeam echosounder systems. Marine Mammal observations will be undertaken during the operations.

The operations are planned to be carried out from the 5th of December 2025 and could extend until the 20th December 2025. The Scotia will be working on a 24hour basis at the following locations.

Area	WGS84 Latitude	WGS84 Long
1	55° 29.9586' N	4° 54.819054' W
2	55° 29.022306' N	4° 53.520666' W
3	55° 15.679002' N	5° 13.088202' W
4	55° 15.446100' N	5° 13.861578' W
5	55° 4.351506' N	5° 27.500436' W
6	55° 4.351506' N	5° 27.500436' W
7	54° 47.892768' N	5° 27.822042' W
8	54° 47.892768' N	5° 27.822042' W
9	54° 40.41228' N	5° 17.828658' W
10	54° 37.369524' N	5° 15.446748' W
11	54° 35.187492' N	5° 14.73456' W
12	54° 28.50333' N	5° 12.300366' W
13	54° 26.816226' N	5° 13.471272' W
14	54° 16.30278' N	5° 10.411674' W

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Navigational Considerations

The Scotia will be engaged in geophysical survey activities.

The following considerations should be made regarding operational activities:

- A safe distance of 0.5 nautical miles from the vessel must always be maintained.
- It is also requested to establish contact with the Scotia (VHF 16) to obtain information on the planning and to allow a coactivity on the zone without obstructions.
- It is requested that the work area be kept clear of fishing gear to avoid entanglement.
- The Scotia may have an ROV (remotely operated vehicle) deployed Subsea beneath the vessel and be restricted in manoeuvrability.
- The vessel will display all applicable lights and shapes.

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Communications

To contact the **Scotia** : VHF channel 16

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Maritime Coordination

There is a dedicated Fishing Liaison Officer assigned to the project.
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