

# SHETLAND ISLANDS COUNCIL Notice to Mariners



## 0726 – Fair Isle Marine Construction Works

Mariners are advised that marine construction works are under way at Fair Isle Harbour, in connection with the Fair Isle and Grutness Ferry Terminal Redevelopment Project. The works are being carried out by BAM Nuttall Ltd and are programmed to continue until approximately February 2027, subject to weather conditions and programme changes.

Operations will typically take place daily between 07:00 and 19:00 local time. Mariners should assume active works, plant operations, and vessel movements during those hours throughout the works period.

Construction and support vessels engaged on the works will, where applicable, be restricted in their ability to manoeuvre and will display the appropriate lights and shapes under COLREGs Rule 27. Mariners in the vicinity are required to keep clear and to give way as required by the Rules.

Project safety boats will monitor VHF Channel 16 and may give advisory guidance to passing vessels on behalf of the works team. Mariners should communicate with the safety boats on VHF 16 if in any doubt as to vessel intentions or plant movements.

Mariners are requested to proceed at slow, safe speed and to keep a wide berth of marine plant, support vessels, anchor lines, and marker / wave buoys. Where a formal restriction on navigation within harbour limits is considered necessary, this will be made and published separately as a Harbour Direction under the Council's statutory powers.

## Harbour Space and Berthing

**Fair Isle Harbour is small, with very limited quay and pier space.** Throughout the construction period the harbour will be heavily committed to construction plant and support vessels.

**Berthing for visiting commercial vessels, fishing vessels, yachts and small craft will be subject to availability and, in practice, is unlikely to be available for most of the works period.** Mariners should not plan a passage to Fair Isle on the assumption that space will be found on arrival.

Any mariner intending to visit Fair Isle during the works must contact the Scalloway Harbour Office in advance to check availability.

The operational requirements of the Fair Isle ferry (Good Shepherd IV), of emergency services, and of essential island supply movements will take precedence at all times.

## Submarine Cable

A BT submarine telecommunications cable passes through the project area. No anchoring, mooring, fishing or other seabed activity is permitted within the marked cable corridor. Damage to a submarine telegraph cable is an offence under the Submarine Telegraph Act 1885. Cable corridor locations are shown on BAM Nuttall Ltd's Notice to Mariners dated 08/04/2026 and should be consulted before any operation in the area.

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## Project Vessels

Vessel	Information
<b>Combifloat C-5</b> Jack-up Barge	LOA: 18.30 m Beam: 15.25 m Type: Jack-up working platform VHF: 16
<b>P7</b> Flat-top Barge	LOA: 41.40 m Beam: 13.00 m Type: Flat-top transport barge VHF: 16
<b>BK MARJORIE</b> Multicat / Tug	LOA: 19.00 m Beam: 8.50 m Role: Positioning, marine movements, fuel runs VHF: 16
<b>M/V HARVESTER</b> Multicat / Tug	LOA: 16.00 m Beam: 5.80 m Role: Positioning, marine movements, fuel runs VHF: 16
<b>DOLPHIN</b> Multicat / Tug	LOA: 13.00 m Beam: 5.70 m Role: Positioning and marine movements VHF: 16
<b>RUBYMAY</b> Crew Transfer Vessel	LOA: 12.00 m Beam: 4.60 m Role: Crew transfer to site VHF: 16
<b>HAVARA</b> Materials Transport Vessel	LOA: 29.00 m Beam: 10.00 m Role: Materials and plant transport VHF: 16

Additional marker buoys, anchor buoys, and a wave buoy will be deployed within and around the project area to demarcate working positions and the BT cable corridor. Locations are shown on BAM Nuttall Ltd's Notice to Mariners dated 08/04/2026.

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[Local Notices to Mariners – Shetland Islands Council](#)