

SHETLAND ISLANDS COUNCIL

Notice to Mariners



08/26 – Yell Sound Survey Works

Date: 30/04/2026

Mariners are advised that survey works will be carried out in Yell Sound between Toft (Mainland) and Hoga (Yell), including the approaches to Toft and Toft Camp, in support of SSEN subsea cable landfall investigations. Survey operations will be conducted by GEOxyz using the vessels listed below.

Survey vessels conducting these operations will be restricted in their ability to manoeuvre and will display the appropriate lights and shapes.

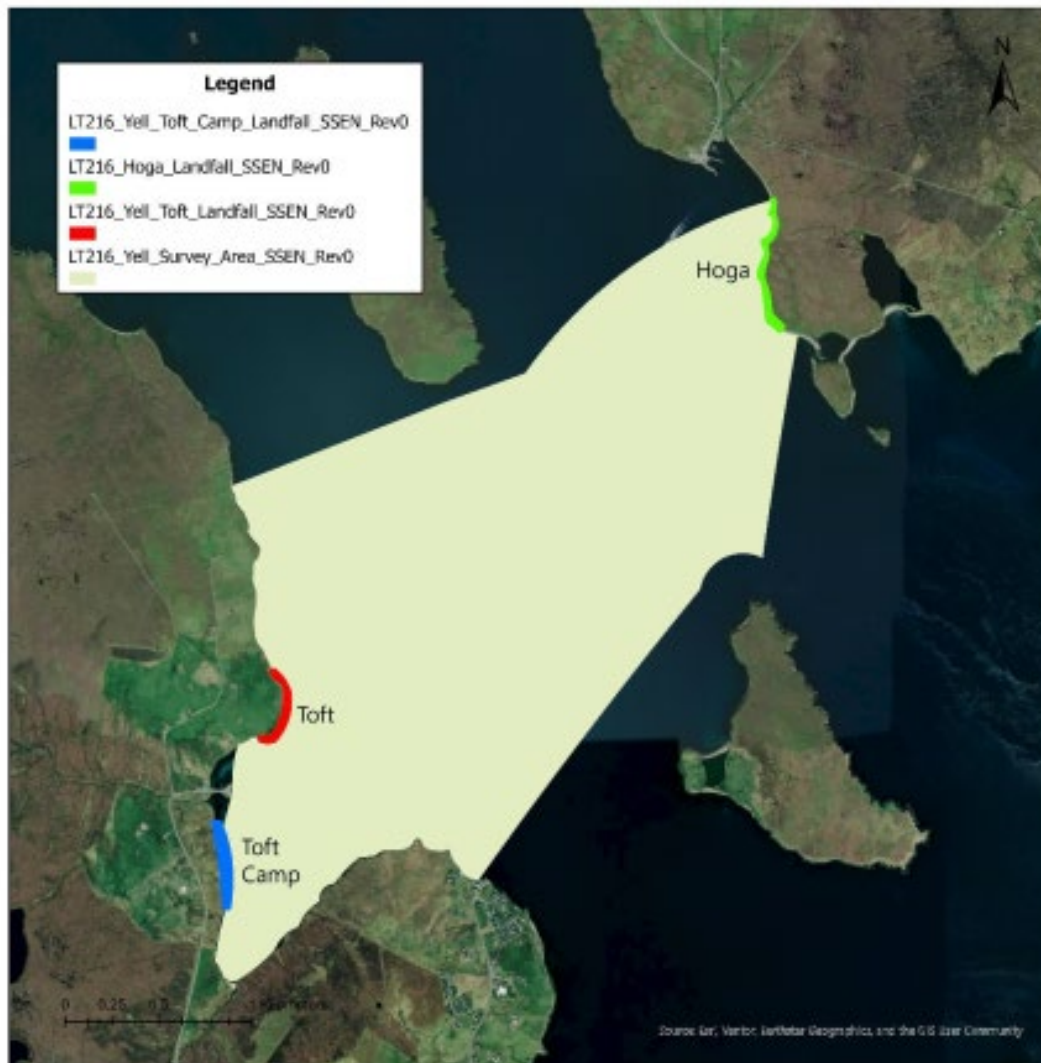
Survey vessels will monitor VHF Channel 14 and 16 throughout survey operations. The Geodrone 3000 Unmanned Surface Vehicle (USV) will operate under the supervision of an attendant survey vessel at all times.

Mariners are requested to keep a wide berth of survey operations where safe and practicable to do so, and to communicate with the survey vessels on VHF Channel 14 - 16 if in any doubt as to their intentions.

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Survey Area



Yell Sound Survey Area – Toft to Hoga

Survey Vessels

Vessel	Information
Geo Ocean IX Offshore Survey Vessel	LOA: 53.80 m Beam: 13.00 m Draft: 4.00 m – 4.80 m Flag: Luxembourg Call Sign: LXAJ5 IMO No: 9668518 MMSI No: 253000082 VHF: 14 - 16
Geosurveyor VIII	LOA: 12.50 m

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Survey & Support Vessel	Beam: 4.95 m Draft: 1.00 m VHF: 14 - 16
Geodrone 3000 Unmanned Surface Vehicle (USV)	LOA: 3.00 m Beam: 1.17 m Draught: 0.65 m Weight: 220 kg Survey speed: 2 m/s AIS Transponder fitted Operated remotely under supervision of attendant survey vessel

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