An Roinn Iompair
Department of Transport

Marine Notice No. 51 of 2026

Notice to all Shipowners, Fishing Vessel Owners, Agents, Shipmasters, Skippers, Fishers, Yachtsmen and Seafarers

River Liffey and Dublin City Coast Maritime Exclusion Zone

1. Notice of Activity

The Department of Transport hereby advises mariners that, following a request from An Garda Síochána in support of a major security operation, and pursuant to powers under Section 38 of the Maritime Safety Act 2005, as amended, the Minister for Transport hereby directs that a temporary maritime exclusion zone consisting of two areas, an inner and outer area, will be in operation in the waters of the River Liffey and off the coast of Dublin from **00:01 11 November until 23:59 13 November 2026**.

This Marine Notice is issued solely to advise mariners of navigational restrictions arising from that temporary maritime exclusion zone and associated outer control area. Any queries regarding the security operation, including requests for access to the exclusion zone, should be directed to An Garda Síochána or the Naval Service Picket Ship using the contact details provided in Section 3 of this Marine Notice.

2. Location of Activity

Details of the areas to which this Maritime Exclusion Zone shall apply are outlined below.

- Inner Area (East Link Bridge to Sean Heuston Bridge)

Entry to the zone from East Link Bridge to Sean Heuston Bridge will be prohibited to all vessels for the period of activation. Commercial maritime activity may be authorised to transit the exclusion zone during these periods with the permission of AGS. No leisure activity will be permitted to transit the exclusion zone during these periods without the express permission of AGS. Vessels may seek a derogation from this restriction from AGS. Such derogation shall not be reasonably withheld. These restrictions shall also apply to all other navigable waters that adjoin this area in particular the River Dodder from the confluence with the River Liffey to Ringsend Bridge.

- Outer Area (East Link Bridge to sea)

An outer exclusion zone shall be established from the East Link Bridge extending to the outer limits of Dublin Bay as defined by the limit of Dublin Port Pilotage area

(highlighted by red area in Annex 1). All navigable waters inside this area located within Dublin Bay and the Lower River Liffey shall be controlled as may be required. Vessels deemed a risk to the security situation will be controlled within this area. Entry to the outer exclusion zone will be permitted for vessels not deemed to be a risk to the operation. The activation of the Maritime Exclusion Zone, including the inner and outer zones will not impede Dublin Port commercial shipping movements.

Please find the coordinates for the inner and outer exclusion zones set out below.

- Sean Heuston Bridge (Beside Heuston Station) – 53°20.82'N 006°17.52W
- East Link Bridge – 53°20.76'N 006°13.74W
- Grand Canal Dock Footbridge over the River Dodder (Leading to Hanover Quay) – 53°20.58'N 006°13.8'W
- Limits of Dublin Port Pilotage –
    - North Limit (Bailey LH) 53°21.9'N 006°03.10'W to 53°21.71'N 006°00.05'W
    - South Limit (Sorrento Point) 53°16.20'N 006°05.50'W to 53°16.20'N 006°00.05'W

See also details of inner and outer exclusion zones in the annexes to this marine notice.

3. Contact Details

Enquiries regarding the contents of this Marine Notice, or any other relevant matters, should be directed to An Garda Síochána:

• Email: Ags.Epc2026@garda.ie

Requests for access to, or transit through, the Inner Exclusion Zone (From East Link Bridge to Sean Heuston Bridge) during the period of operation should be directed to An Garda Síochána using the above email address. Entry is prohibited unless specifically authorised.

Vessels wishing to enter any of these zones during the activation period should call the Naval Service Picket Ship as follows:

Call Sign: Naval Service Picket Ship
VHF Channel: 67

ALL vessels MUST follow the direction of the picket ship at all times during the period of activation. Failure to comply with such direction may lead to prosecution under the provisions of Section 38 of the Maritime Safety Act 2005.

Note: Marine Notices are issued purely for maritime safety and navigation reasons and should not be construed as conferring rights or granting permissions.

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Encl: Annex 1: Inner Exclusion Zone, Annex 2: Outer Exclusion Zone

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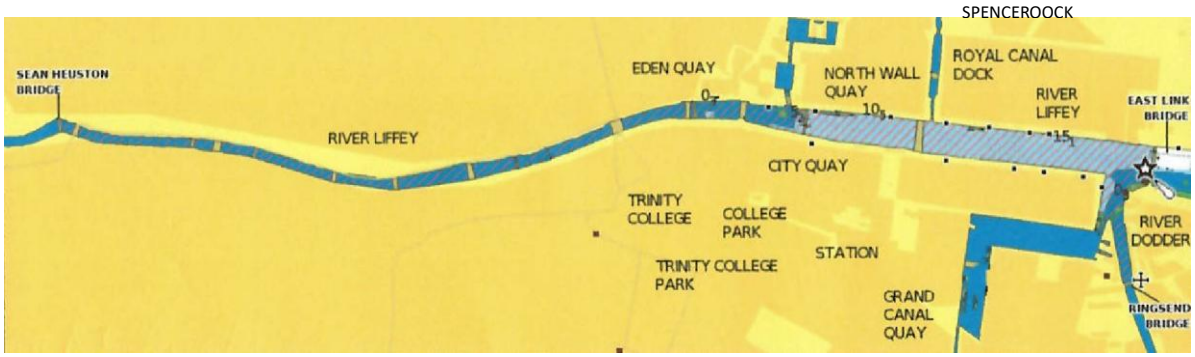
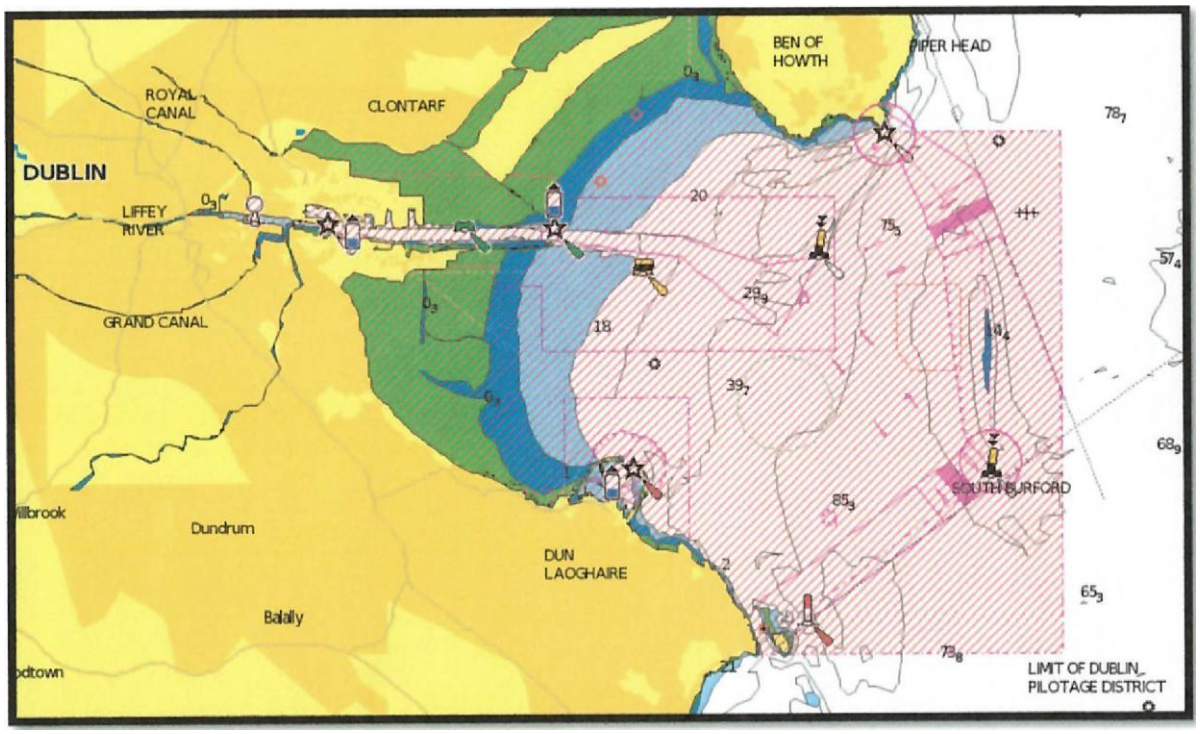
Annex 1: Inner Exclusion Zone



Annex 2: Outer Exclusion Zone