An Roinn Iompair
Department of Transport

Marine Notice No. 42 of 2026

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

Wicklow Coastline
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 and associated outer control area will be in operation in the waters off Newcastle Beach, Co. Wicklow, from 28 August 2026 to 2 September 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

The coordinates of the Inner Restricted Area are shown in the table 1 below, the map for which is also shown in Appendix 1 to this Marine Notice. Entry into the Inner Exclusion Zone is prohibited except where specifically authorised by An Garda Síochána or other authorised State agencies involved in the operation.

Table 1:

Inner Exclusion Zone		
001	53°05.4671'N	006°02.2438'W
002	53°08.3775'N	006°03.4521'W
003	53°08.3753'N	005°59.2950'W
004	53°05.4791'N	005°57.2785'W
005	53°02.2751'N	005°58.3993'W
006	53°02.2751'N	006°02.5363'W

The coordinates of the Outer Control Zone are shown in table 2 below, the chart for which is also shown in Appendix 2 to this Marine Notice.

Scheduled commercial traffic to and from Dublin Port may continue to transit within the Outer Control Zone, subject to any operational directions issued by An Garda Síochána, the Naval Service or other authorised personnel. Vessels wishing to enter the outer zone must contact the Naval Service Picket Ship as per the details outlined below. Vessels not engaged in scheduled commercial operations may be directed to remain clear of, or be diverted around, the area.

Table 2:

Outer Control Zone		
001	53°05.4685'N	006°02.2427'W
002	53°11.8099'N	006°05.4317'W
003	53°11.7752'N	005°45.4723'W
004	52°57.8976'N	005°40.0862'W
005	52°57.9258'N	005°59.9138'W
006	53°05.4685'N	006°02.2427'W

3. Contact Details

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

Email: **WicklowNorth.Events@garda.ie**

Requests for access to, or transit through, the Inner Exclusion Zone during the period of operation should be directed to An Garda Síochána using the above email or by contacting the Naval Service Picket Ship on marine VHF. Entry is prohibited unless specifically authorised.

Vessels wishing to enter the Outer Exclusion Zone should contact the Naval Service Picket Ship as follows:

Ship: LE SAMUEL BECKETT
Callsign: EIYY
VHF Channel: 67

The International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) are implemented in Irish law by the Merchant Shipping (Collision Regulations) (Ships and Water Craft on the Water) Order 2012 (S.I. No. 507 of 2012) and the Signals of Distress (Ships) *Rules 2012* (S.I. No.170 of 2012). See Marine Notice No. 06 of 2013. These Statutory Instruments may be purchased by mail order from Government Publications, Office of Public Works, Mountshannon Road, Dublin, D08 XA06 Tel: (046) 9423100. They are also available online at: www.irishstatutebook.ie.

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Irish Maritime Administration,

Department of Transport,
Leeson Lane, Dublin 2, D02 TR60, Ireland.

25/08/2026

Appendix 1: Inner Exclusion Zone
Appendix 2: Outer Control Zone

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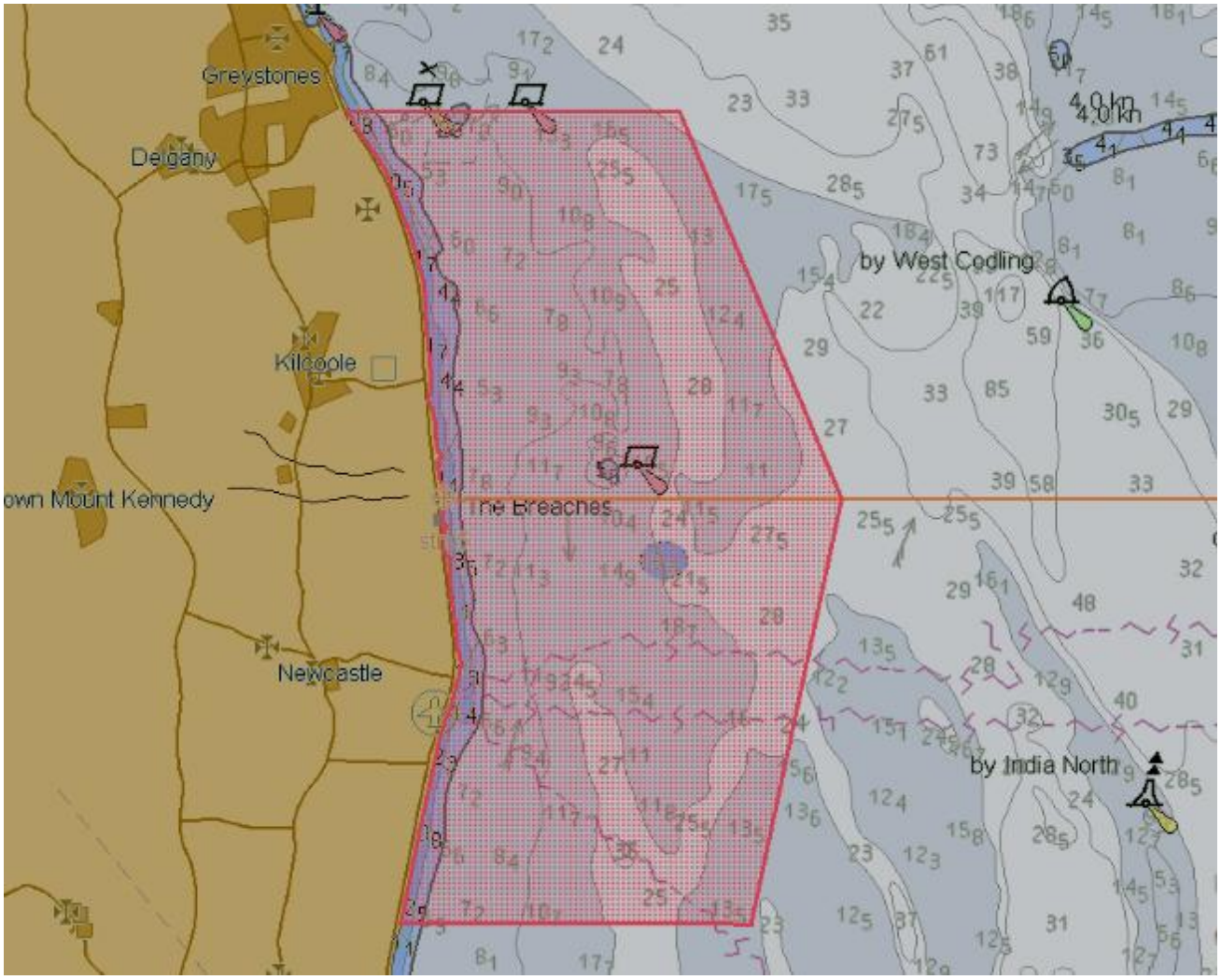

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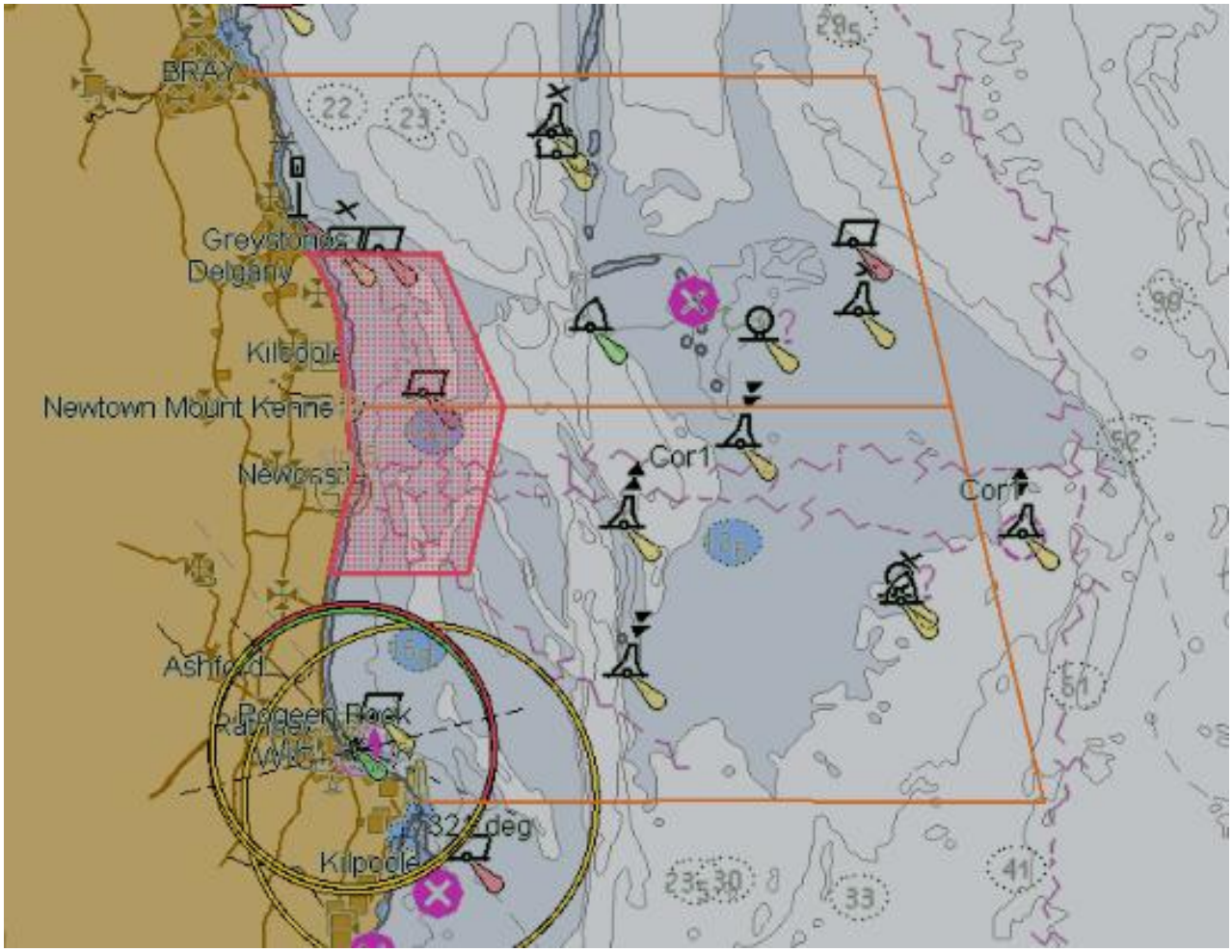
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