



Associated British Ports - Lowestoft

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NOTICE TO MARINERS

LOWESTOFT – TRANSITS OF UNMANNED SURFACE VESSEL - CONDUCTING SURVEY OPERATIONS AT GREATER GABBARD OFFSHORE WIND FARM

Mariners and Port Users are advised that hydrographic survey operations, at the Greater Gabbard Wind Farm, are scheduled to commence on Saturday 11th July 2020. These will be conducted using an unmanned surface vessel (USV) “X-06”.

The vessel is capable of working 24/7. The USV has AIS, Navigation lights and a radar reflector (see below photograph). The duration of the survey work is approximately 4 to 5 days and is subject to favourable weather conditions.



The vessels will transit to and from the survey area from the Royal Norfolk and Suffolk Marina in Lowestoft Outer Harbour area. When transiting Harbour areas and approaches the USV will be escorted by safety boat “POSIEDON” or ‘PROTEUS’. The Safety Boat will be monitoring VHF Ch14 during Harbour transits.

Please contact Lowestoft Port Control, VHF Ch 14, Tel. 01502 572286, if additional information is required.

Harbour Master

10th July 2020

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