



Associated British Ports - Lowestoft

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NOTICE TO MARINERS

LOWESTOFT – TRANSITS OF UNMANNED SURFACE VESSEL - FOR 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 Friday 17th January 2020. These will be conducted using an unmanned surface vessel (USV) "X-06" operated by 'XOcean', which will be remotely controlled by a USV 'Pilot'. The vessel is capable of working 24/7. The USV has AIS, Navigation lights a radar reflector and are painted Yellow. The duration of the survey work is approximately 2 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's will be escorted by the "POSIEDON" acting as Safety Boat. The Safety Boat will be monitoring VHF Ch14 during Harbour transits.

Further details of the survey can be found on the attached NTM issued by SSE.

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

Harbour Master

17th January 2020

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