LLW Mariner Update #5: 29-AUGUST-2023

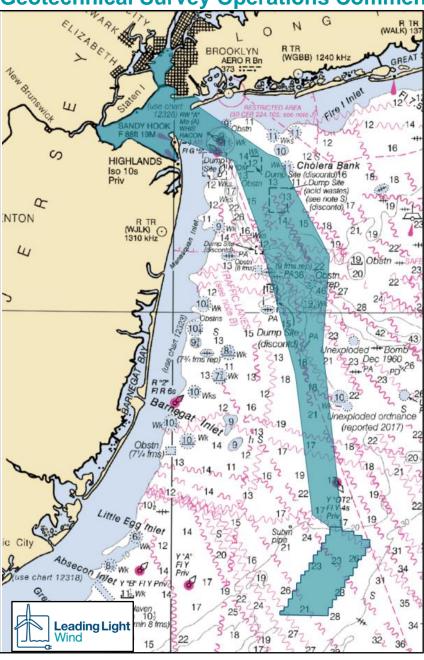




Leading Light Wind (LLW) Offshore Wind Lease OCS-A 0542

LLW secured lease OCS-A 0542 in 2022. Development activities in the approximately 84,000-acre lease have begun with the intent of providing over 2 gigawatts (GW) of offshore renewable energy to the region. LLW is located approximately 40 nautical miles east of Atlantic City, NJ and 75 nautical miles south of Long Island, NY.

Geotechnical Survey Operations Commencing September 2023



Mariners are advised that geotechnical survey operations will commence September 2023 in the NY Bight. The **PSV Regulus** and **RV Shearwater** will operate along potential export cable corridors through **late 2023.** The **RV Fugro Explorer** will operate in the offshore lease area through **early 2024.** These operations will not involve any towed survey equipment.

Mariners transiting or fishing in the survey area are requested to give a wide berth to the survey vessels, which may have limited maneuverability while surveying. Mariners should operate in a manner that will not endanger themselves, the survey vessels, or its equipment; 0.5 NM clearance is requested.

Vessel speeds will be 10 knots or less during transits to/from port and between sampling stations. The information from these surveys will be used to inform the engineering and layout of the planned wind farm and cable routes.

Protected Species Observers (PSOs) will be deployed onboard the survey vessels. The LLW Fisheries Team will provide fisheries briefings to survey vessel crew and continue communications with the fishing community to help avoid and/or minimize the potential for fishing gear interactions. Scout vessels will be deployed as necessary. Survey and scout vessels can be hailed directly via VHF (CH 16) or by contacting the fisheries team.

Future Mariner Updates will be issued to provide information on planned and ongoing activities. Please consult the <u>Local Notice to Mariners for USCG Districts 1 and 5</u> for additional information on offshore activity and, as always, please adhere to the USCG Rules of the Road for mariners: https://www.dco.uscq.mil/NavRules/.

LLW Mariner Update #5: 29-AUGUST-2023





PSV REGULUS

-Call Sign: WDG8927 -MMSI: 338060000 -IMO: 9582324 -Flag: USA -LOA: 272 ft -Beam: 58 ft



RV SHEARWATER

-Call Sign: WDF5838 -Flag: USA -MMSI: 368528000 -LOA: 110 ft -IMO: 8993966 -Beam: 39 ft



RV FUGRO EXPLORER

-Call Sign: 3FEV9 -Flag: Panama -MMSI: 368230820 -LOA: 252 ft -IMO: 9208564 -Beam: 52 ft

Contact Us

Leading Light Wind remains committed to maintaining communications with fishing communities and other mariners in the area via these periodic updates, dock visits, informational speaking engagements, and the additional information posted on Mariners Page on the LLW website. Mariners are also encouraged to contact Leading Light Wind's Fisheries Liaisons with any specific questions about project activities in relation to fisheries.

If you believe your fishing gear was lost or damaged as a result of LLW survey activities, please alert the project Fisheries Liaison and complete a Fishing Gear Damage or Loss claim form which can be found on the LLW Webpage: www.leadinglightwind.com/mariners.

Sarah Hudak

Fisheries Liaison (onshore) 919-302-8559 sarahhudak@leadinglightwind.com Ron Larsen

Fisheries Liaison Support 570-242-5023

k@leadinglightwind.com <u>ronlarsen@searisksolutions.com</u>

Additional project information is available on the LLW web page: www.leadinglightwind.com