

# **FISHERIES NOTICE 2023-07**

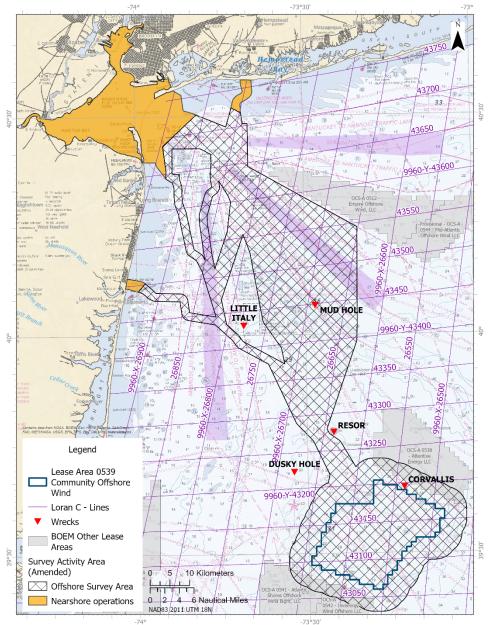
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# **BENTHIC, GEOPHYSCIAL, AND GEOTECHNICAL SURVEY ACTIVITIES**

Community Offshore Wind is updating and amending <u>Fisheries Notice 2023-</u> <u>06</u> to advise fishermen and other interested parties of adjusted geographic scope and timeframes for survey activities as described below.

The R/V WESTERLY is continuing high resolution geophysical survey activities within nearshore portions (<20 meters water depth) of potential export cable corridors through mid-February 2024. The M/V SEA GULL is conducting shallow geotechnical sampling in the lease area and offshore portions of potential export cable corridors through February 2024, using a seabed frame lowered from the vessel. The M/V SANCO SWIFT is collecting bathymetric and ultra-high resolution seismic data within the lease area and along centerlines of potential export cable corridors through May 2024 using a towed array of acoustic sources and receivers. The R/V BELLA MARIE or the **R/V WESTERLY will commence** nearshore (<20 meters) benthic sampling on or after January 17, 2024 and continue through February 2024. The R/V SHEARWATER will continue shallow geotechnical sampling in nearshore (<20 meters water depth) portions of potential export cable corridors through February 2024.



Information from survey activities will be used to characterize the seabed, refine knowledge of bottom features or obstructions, and inform future lease area and export cable route development.

## CONTACTS

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### **COMMUNITY OFFSHORE WIND FISHERIES NOTICE 2023-07**

The lease area is located 32 nautical miles east of Barnegat Inlet, NJ and 56 nautical miles south of Long Beach, NY. Fishermen planning to fish fixed gear in survey areas are encouraged to contact Fisheries Liaisons Deirdre Boelke or Michelle Duval to coordinate activities in advance. A local commercial fishing vessel, F/V ANNICE MARIE, will scout for fishing gear in advance of survey operations and will monitor VHF 16 during scouting operations.

- Survey vessels will be limited in their maneuverability when conducting operations. A 1.0 nautical mile closest point of approach (CPA) is requested for the M/V SANCO SWIFT and a 0.5 nautical mile CPA for other vessels.
- Survey vessels will monitor VHF channel 16 and offshore geophysical and benthic survey vessels will have  $\geq$ Onboard Fisheries Liaisons to communicate and coordinate with the fishing fleet.
- Survey vessels have Protected Species Observers (PSOs) or crew observers onboard to monitor for protected species during all vessel activities and transits, and ensure required protective measures and avoidance maneuvers are implemented if protected species are observed.
- Vessels may transit to the Sandy Hook, NJ anchorage area to shelter during inclement weather and do not tow survey equipment when running weather patterns outside of the survey areas.





#### *R/V WESTERLY* Vessel Flag: USA MMSI: 368255040 VHF: Channel 16 Bridge phone: N/A Email: N/A

Call sign: WDM9690 LOA: 50 ft

M/V SANCO SWIFT Vessel Flag: Gibraltar MMSI: 236111851 VHF: Channel 16 Bridge phone: +47 23 67 85 04/03 Email: bridge.swift@sanco.no

Call sign: ZDKY8 LOA: 315 ft

Call sign: LAGK8

LOA: 292 ft



#### MMSI: 538010424 VHF: Channel 16 Bridge phone: +1 281-928-0903

Email: gull.captain@remoyship.no



**R/V BELLA MARIE** Vessel Flag: USA MMSI: 338417507 VHF: Channel 16 Bridge phone: +1 609-204-1902 Email: N/A

Call sign: NJ8433HP LOA: 40 ft



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#### **R/V SHEARWATER**

Vessel Flag: USA Call sign: WDF5838 MMSI: 368528000 LOA: 110 ft VHF: Channel 16 Bridge phone: +1 850-621-6200 Email: <u>shearwaterpartychief@alpineocean.com</u>

#### SCOUT VESSEL



F/V ANNICE MARIE Vessel Flag: USA Call sign: WDD5154 MMSI: 367154420 VHF: Channel 16

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