

Devon and Severn IFCA News

Update to Fishers - Hydrographic Survey Work to be conducted in the D&S IFCA District

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The 19-metre survey vessel Northern Wind is set to conduct hydrographic survey work in the Bristol Channel. At present the vessel is berthed in Penarth Marina and, whilst waiting for the weather to improve, the survey team (which does not include D&S IFCA staff) wish to keep fishers in this area informed about the work to help avoid any complications.

Why & Where?

The 19-metre survey vessel Northern Wind is set to conduct a hydrographic survey work to update Admiralty Charts. The work will be conducted in the D&S IFCA District in the Ilfracombe to Minehead coastal area.

What equipment will be used?

The survey will not include the use of any towed or trailed equipment and it is not expected to interfere with any other vessel or any set of fishing gear, but as highly sensitive Multi Beam Echo Sounders as well as highly sensitive motion sensors are being used, a wide berth is requested and if possible, passing vessels are requested to reduce speed.

Keep yourself informed

Tom Watson, who is trying to inform a wide audience said;

“Please make sure that any creels or pots that you have in the survey area are clearly marked and buoyed to avoid fouling. Survey vessel Northern Wind will be working on a 24-hr basis while on site and regular up-dates will be issued each day informing of the survey area but if you have any doubt or concerns please contact me”.

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VHF Radio

During survey operations a listening watch will be kept on VHF Channels 16 & 12 and ‘NORTHERN WIND’ can be contacted for information relating to vessel movement only.