

Sizewell C Notice to Mariners No 4 of 2025

Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) Identification

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That works to identify potential unexploded ordnance (UXO) are planned to take place within the Sizewell C Statutory Harbour Authority limits between 29th March 2025 and 1st June 2025 (weather permitting).

UXO ID Works

Following a near-bank UXO survey carried out in 2024, 68 objects have been identified for potential UXO identification. The operation will be carried out in the section of the Statutory Harbour Area as shown in the area marked on the chart below. The works will be carried out by the red jack-up-barge *Wave Walker 1* (33 m), which will be assisted by the tug *Elisa* (32 m) with additional support from the multicat *Willchallenge* (22 m) and a rigid rescue boat (5 m) if required in shallower waters. Images of the vessels that are to be used for the works can be seen in Figures 1 to 4. Mariners are requested to keep a minimum 250 m from the vessels when conducting works.



Figure 1: Image of the Wave Walker 1.



Figure 2: Image of the Elisa tug.



Figure 3: Image of the Willchallenge.



Figure 4: Example of a rigid rescue boat.

The works are planned to take place 24/7 between Saturday 29th March 2025 and Sunday 1st June 2025, weather permitting.

To conduct the works, the *Wave Walker 1* will be positioned close to a target and its legs will be lowered once in position ready for a survey of the target to take place.

Any positive identification of unexploded ordnance will be assessed by expert UXO specialists on board the *Wave Walker 1* and will be fully dealt with in accordance with the UK Government’s Unexploded Ordnance Clearance in the Marine Environment Joint Position Statement (Jan 2025).

[Marine environment: unexploded ordnance clearance Joint Position Statement - GOV.UK](#)

In the event that a UXO is identified, additional notice to mariners will issues containing further information.

Instructions to Mariners

All vessels should maintain an appropriate and safe distance of 250 m when passing the Jack-up Barge and the support vessels, passing at the lowest speed to avoid vessel wash effects.

Project vessels will maintain a continuous listening watch on VHF Channel 16 and will display the appropriate AIS status and day & night signals as prescribed by the International Rules for Prevention of Collisions at Sea.

The area of works can be seen in Figure 5.

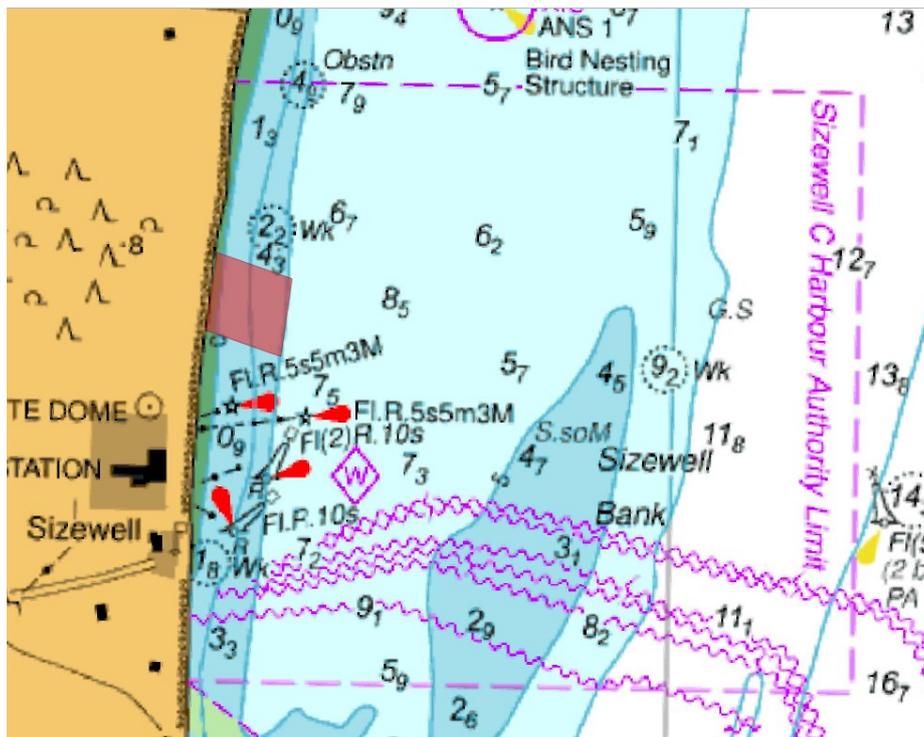


Figure 5: The area of works for UXO identification shown in red.

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This notice will be self-cancelling on completion of works.