

NOTICE TO MARINERS
Lowestoft Outer Harbour and Approaches – Continuation of
XOcean USV transits

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Mariners and Port Users are advised that transits of XOcean remotely piloted Unmanned Surface Vessels (USVs), are scheduled to continue from Lowestoft, to and from offshore survey areas at various windfarms and designated windfarm areas off the East Anglian Coastline.

These surveys will be at various times over the forthcoming months. Operations are anticipated to be undertaken until mid-2026 with possible extensions into the latter part of the year.

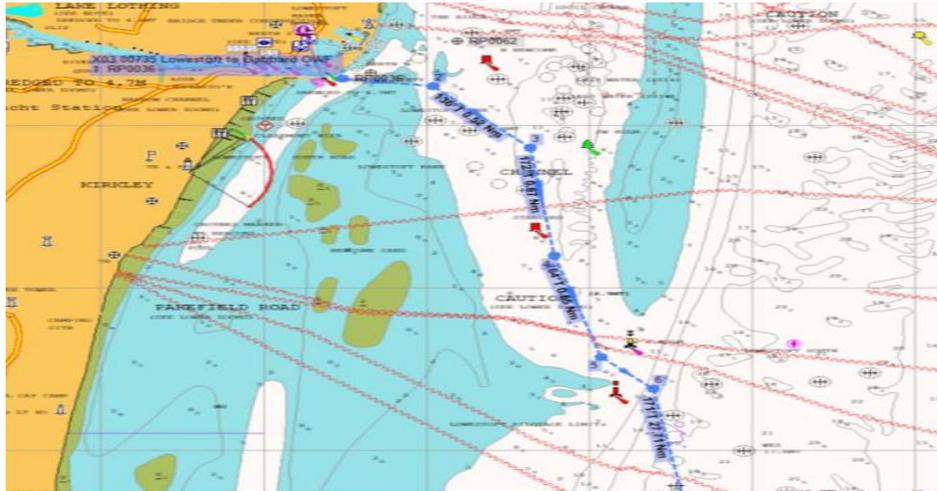
The USVs will mobilise from RNSYC basin (Outer Harbour), or Talisman Quay (Inner Harbour), then transit Lowestoft approaches. A support craft will escort the USVs for transits in the Harbour and in the close approaches to the port, monitoring VHF Ch14.



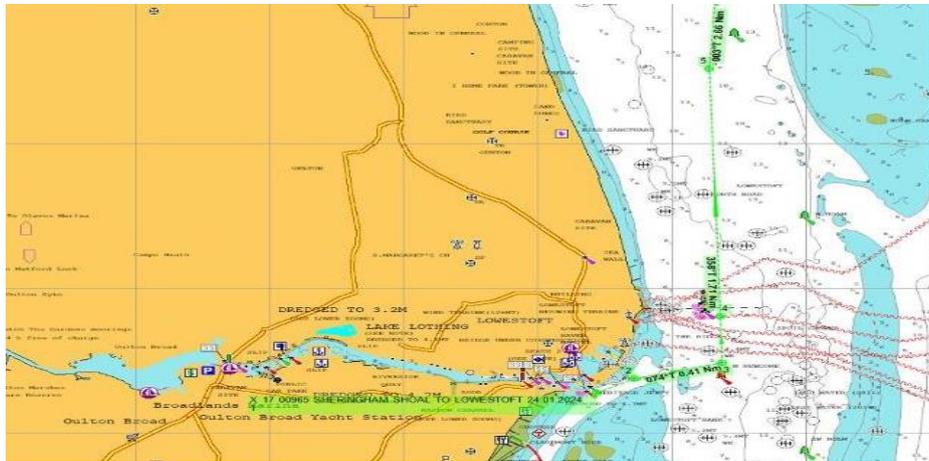
XOcean USV

The vessels have a black hull and yellow superstructure. They are small vessels – 4.5m LOA. They are fitted with AIS Class B transmitters, but sit low in the water, so may not be easily detected visually, subject to sea conditions.

Typical transit routes to/from Lowestoft are shown below.



Southern transit route to/from Lowestoft



Northern transit route to/from Lowestoft

Mariners are requested to navigate with caution in the vicinity of these USV, in areas they are known to be operation, or transit routes to/from survey areas.

This notice replaces NTM No.34/2025 which is hereby cancelled.

Please contact Lowestoft Port Control, VHF Ch14, Tel. 01502 572286 (Option 3) if further information is required.

Divisional Harbour Master East Anglia

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