

# CVOW-C MARINER UPDATE 2023 #5: July 2023



## Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) Identification Work

The UXO identification work is underway with the M/V Subsea Responder I and the M/V Subsea Responder II. These vessels utilize Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROVs) to investigate targets identified by previously conducted survey activities and determine if they are UXO. The operation is currently ongoing in Area B, then will proceed to Area A and Area C. These vessels will not be towing any survey equipment and should not pose a hazard to any fixed gear commercial fishing operations. These operations are expected to continue into the Fall of 2023, any targets confirmed to be UXO will be shared via the [USCG 5th District Local Notice to Mariners](#).

Mariners transiting or fishing in the operational area are requested to give a wide berth to survey vessels which may be limited in their ability to maneuver. Mariners should operate in a manner that will not endanger themselves, the survey vessel or its equipment – a 0.5 NM clearance is requested.

We remain committed to maintaining communications with fishing communities and other mariners in the area via these periodic updates, informational speaking engagements and dock visits. The information is also posted on the [CVOW Website](#).

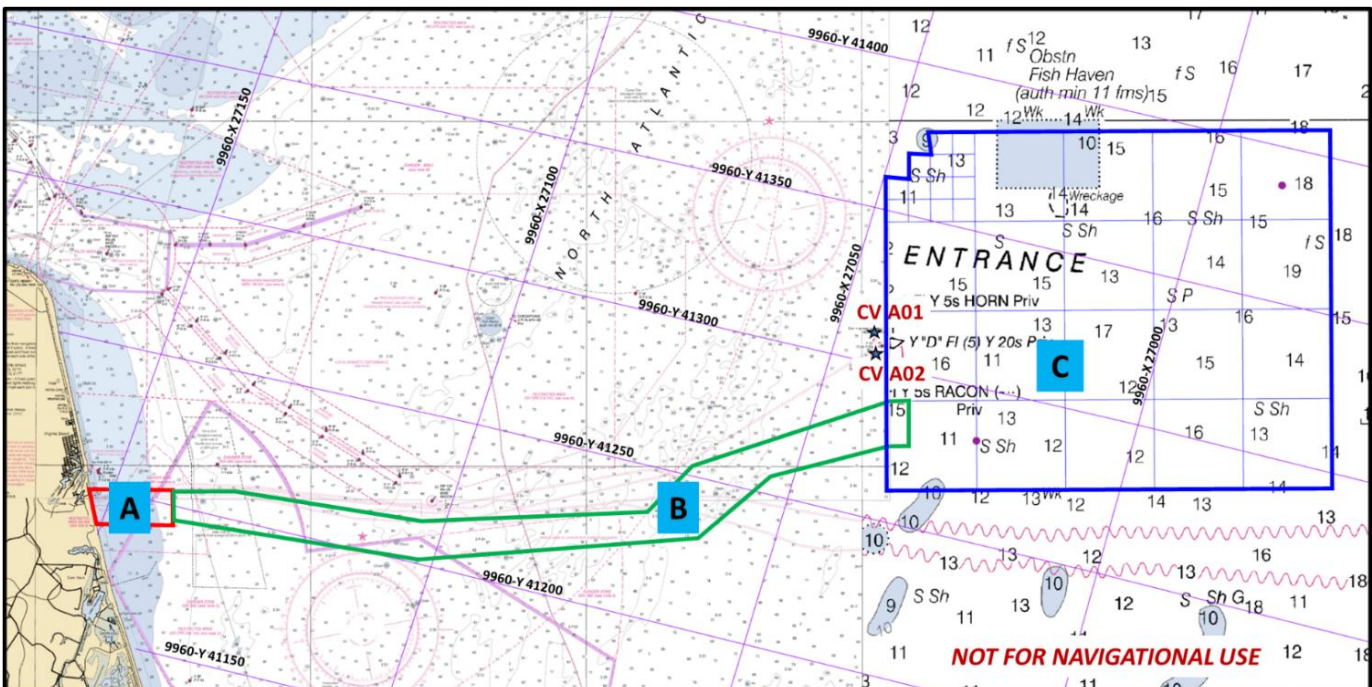


Chart reflects UXO Identification Operational Areas (A, B & C)

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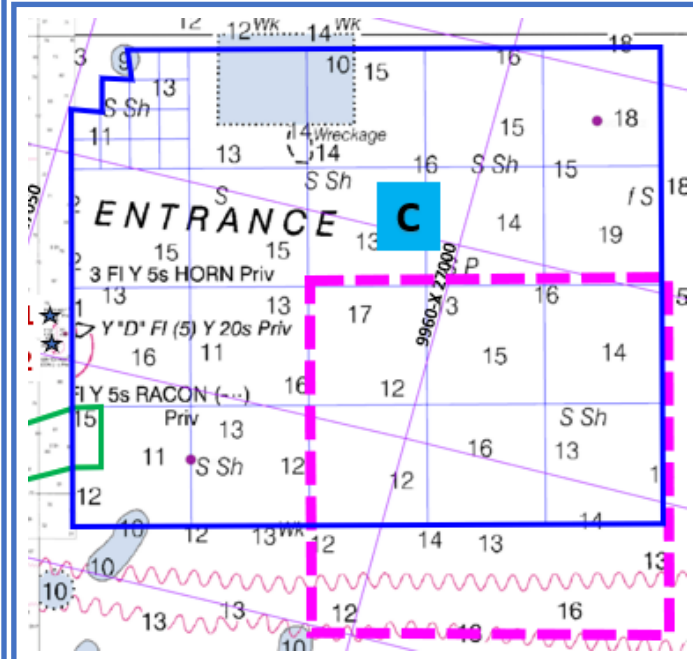
## CVOW and Fisheries Resource Surveys

In partnership with the **Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS)**, Dominion Energy is conducting resource assessment studies for Black Sea Bass, Atlantic Surfclam, and Channeled Whelk in the project area.

**Black Sea Bass:** The study consists of 8-strings of ventless traps with 6-traps per string. Sampling once per month with a 48-hour soak utilizing acoustic release buoys to recover gear. The chart on the right displays sampling area, which includes locations south of the lease area. Sampling will begin July 2023 utilizing the VIMS R/V Bay Eagle.

**Atlantic Surfclam:** The work is now complete. 40 stations were sampled during June 2023.

**Channeled Whelk:** Study design is complete and sampling gear is being acquired. This is a cooperative study that plans to utilize commercial whelk fishermen and their vessels. Fishermen interested in participating should contact the Dominion Energy Fisheries Liaison.



**Vessels are requested to avoid anchoring in the identified survey area and fishing vessels deploying fixed fishing gear (e.g., pots, traps, gillnets, etc.) are requested to coordinate activities with the Fisheries Liaison to avoid damage to fishing gear and/or the survey equipment.**

### Subsea Responder I: 217' LOA; 54' Beam

- Call Sign: V7A5816
- Flag: Marshall Is.
- MMSI: 538010258
- IMO: 9201645



### Subsea Responder II: 238' LOA; 54' Beam

- Call Sign: V7FV9
- Flag: Marshall Is.
- MMSI: 538006153
- IMO: 9225495



### R/V Bay Eagle: 65' LOA;

- Call Sign: WBR3978
- MMSI: 366749460



Additional project information is available on the Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind project webpage ([www.coastalvawind.com](http://www.coastalvawind.com))

Mariners are encouraged to contact Dominion Energy's Fisheries Liaisons with any specific questions about CVOW project activities in relation to fisheries. As always, please adhere to the USCG Rules of the Road for all mariners: <https://www.dco.uscg.mil/NavRules/>

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